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of
Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons
of Alberta
1931



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Yours Fraternally,

J. W. G. Morrison

Grand Z., 1930

JOHN WILLIAM GEDDES MORRISON

Grand First Principal

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

On October 26th, 1870, at Catalone, Cape Breton County, Nova Scotia, Companion Morrison was born.

Reaching school age, he first attended Public School, then Sydney Academy and in due time went to Dalhousie University and graduated from there with the degree of B.A. in 1900. He received his LL.B. in 1906 and M.A. in the following year. In 1930 he was created a K.C.

After teaching school and serving on the staff of the "Halifax Herald" he came, in 1907, to Alberta, and deciding to continue in the profession of journalism obtained a position on the editorial staff of the "Edmonton Journal."

In 1910 he moved to Vermilion, where he resumed and continues to follow the practice of barrister and solicitor.

Much of his time has been given to municipal affairs, in which important public work he has always been keenly interested. He has filled with distinction the position of County Councillor in Cape Breton, Chairman of School Board, President of the Union of Alberta Municipalities, and Mayor of the Town of Vermilion.

On July 28th, 1920, he married Miss Margaret McKenzie, of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

He was raised a Master Mason in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7, Sydney, N.S., in September, 1902, and affiliated with Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, serving as Worshipful Master in 1923-24.

Exalted in Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Grand Chapter of Alberta, April 25th, 1914, he served as First Principal Z. in 1920, and still discharges the duties of Scribe E. of that Chapter.

In Grand Chapter he has held the offices of Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Master of the First Veil, Grand Superintendent, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Third Principal, Grand Second Principal and finally Grand First Principal for 1930.

He received the degrees of the A. and A.S.R. up to the 14° in Edmonton Lodge of Perfection.

In all the many positions he has occupied, either as junior or as presiding officer, Companion Morrison's conduct has reflected credit on the Craft. He has endeared himself to a host of "good men and true," and is held in the highest esteem by all whose privilege it is to call him Friend.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

at the

Seventeenth

Annual Convocation

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Held in the

City of CALGARY, Alberta

March 18th-19th, 1931

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Seventeenth Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the 18th and 19th days of March, A.D. 1931, A.I. 2461.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison	Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. William T. Coote	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Middleton	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood	Past Grand First Principal
R. E. Comp. James A. McGee	Grand Second Principal
R. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett	Grand Third Principal
R. E. Comp. Archibald B. McCurdy	Grand Supt. District No. 1
R. E. Comp. John G. Odell	Grand Supt. District No. 2
R. E. Comp. George A. Rounce	Grand Supt. District No. 3
R. E. Comp. Albert E. Portman	Grand Supt. District No. 4
	(Acting)
R. E. Comp. Robert E. Donkin	Grand Supt. District No. 5
R. E. Comp. Frederick J. Summerill	Grand Supt. District No. 6
R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
R. E. Comp. Archibald West	Grand Principal Sojourner
R. E. Comp. William C. Black	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Comp. Albert E. Portman	Grand Registrar
E. Comp. William H. Green	Grand Senior Sojourner
	(Acting)
V. E. Comp. Frederick J. Hand	Grand Junior Sojourner
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Comp. Frank W. Keyte	Grand Master 4th Veil
V. E. Comp. Peter A. Moncrieff	Grand Director of Ceremonies
R. E. Comp. Frederick B. Cooper	Grand Organist
R. E. Comp. Henry Sandilands	Grand Pursuivant (Acting)
E. Comp. Samuel L. McCracken	Grand Steward (Acting)
V. E. Comp. Arthur Robinson	Grand Steward (Acting)
V. E. Comp. William E. G. Anderson	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. George Plasteras	Grand Steward
Comp. Septimus H. Davies	Grand Tyler

DELEGATES PRESENT

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary

M. E. Companions James N. Rankin and Frederick S. Selwood; R. E. Companions Mark B. Peacock, Victor A. Bowes, Frederick B. Cooper, Charles H. Minchin (proxy) and Albert E. Portman; V. E. Companions William W. Pratt, Frank Milne and Frederick J. Hand; E. Companions Samuel L. McCracken, Arthur T. Spankie, James Walker, Alexander Morrice, H., and Robert H. Wood, J.

North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton.

R. E. Companions Archibald West and Archibald B. McCurdy; V. E. Companion William Baxter (proxy) and E. Companion William Orr, Z.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat.

E. Companion Ernest King, Z.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge.

E. Companion William R. Fowler, Z.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River.

R. E. Companions John F. Casteel, Howard E. Beddingfield and William B. Way, R. E. Companion Henry H. Gould, Z., and E. Companion William Roney, J.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin.

R. E. Companion George D. Wallace and V. E. Companions Finley B. Watson and George L. Gothard.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod.

M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton and E. Companion Grier R. Davis, Z.

Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek.

R. E. Companion John H. W. S. Kemmis and E. Companion Walter Marcellus, Z.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary

R. E. Companions Thomas Rankine, James Cleave, Alexander Carr, Francis V. Truesdale, Charles Comba and Joseph V. Follett; V. E. Companions Gaius Allen, William A. Ackland and Peter A. Moncrieff; E. Companions John C. C. Spence, Cuthbert T. Valentine, Wilfred Pearson (proxy), Joseph J. Webster, Z., and George T. Milligan, H.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen.

V. E. Companion Peter Maclean (proxy).

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary.

M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside; R. E. Companions Clifford R. Wentzel and William C. Black (proxy); V. E. Companions Frederick R. Jelfs and Joseph Brown; E. Companions Andrew Davison, Thomas W. Matthews, Z., and Percy Stead, J.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer.

M. E. Companion William T. Coote and E. Companions Henry B. Maunsell, Z, and Elias P. Cronquist, J.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton.

R. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill and E. Companions Walter Hill, Z., and George Rait, H.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion.

M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison (proxy).

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest.

R. E. Companions George E. Cruickshank and Robert E. Donkin and E. Companion Thomas O. Davis, Z.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm.

Not represented.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam.

R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett (proxy).

Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton.

E. Companions George Blyth, Z., and George Grieve, H.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown.

R. E. Companion Oliver J. Cowin, Z.

Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff.

R. E. Companion William H. Hiscocks and E. Companion Russell A. Gowans.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore.

R. E. Companions Harold W. B. Bell and Orlando G. Craig and E. Companion Leon F. Pinkerton.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury.

R. E. Companion James A. McGhee; V. E. Companions James McDougall and Alfred Brusso, and E. Companions William Leadbetter, H., and J. Lester Clarke.

Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation.

R. E. Companion Robert Taylor (proxy).

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary.

M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey; R. E. Companions Robert C. Rankin, Cyril A. MacPherson and George A. Rounce; V. E. Companion Frank W. Keyte; E. Companions Arthur C. Casey, William H. Day, William H. Green and James M. Donaldson, Z.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton.

R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands, V. E. Companions Arthur Robinson and George Plasteras and E. Companion James Duncan.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano.

E. Companion Henry W. Ford.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller.

R. E. Companion William S. Cameron, V. E. Companion William E. G. Anderson and E. Companion Arthur H. Jones, Z., and Thomas Humphreys, H.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28, Hanna.

R. E. Companion John G. Odell and E. Companion Murdo S. MacLeod, H., and Charles Wylie, J.

David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper.

R. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill (proxy).

Edson Chapter, No. 30, Edson.

M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey (proxy).

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A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9:45 o'clock a.m., March 18th, 1931.

INVOCATION PRAYER by M. E. Companion (Rev. Canon) S. H. Middleton—

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name.

Bless our native land, turn from us those national judgments which we have deserved, put an end to profaneness, intemperance, impiety and indifference of Thee.

We beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, to send Thy blessing upon every member of this Grand Chapter, especially do we ask Thee to direct, sanctify and govern our deliberations to the good of the Order and the general welfare of our Dominion.

Bless all those who are in any way connected with us, and to the absentees, if prevented by sickness, extend Thy grace.

Make us ever watchful that we offend not with our tongues, but give us grace to obey Thee in all things, anxious to do good and to make others happy.

Unto Thy name, O Gracious Father, be all honour and glory, world without end. AMEN.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. E. Companion William C. Black, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were thirty warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter and that twenty-nine were represented.

On motion of R. E. Companion William C. Black, seconded by R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy, it was

RESOLVED, That the preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received, and that the Committee be allowed to complete its report.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS ADMITTED

The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal announced that all Royal Arch Masons in waiting (other than delegates) would now be received as visitors if properly vouched for.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

On motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy, it was

RESOLVED That the reading of the Minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed to the Chapters and others, and that the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

CIVIC WELCOME

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood was requested by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal to retire and introduce E. Companion Andrew Davison, His Worship the Mayor of the City of Calgary.

M. E. Companion Selwood: Most Excellent Sir, it gives me a great deal of pleasure this morning to introduce to you, and through you to the Grand Chapter of Alberta and the Royal Arch Masons here assembled, our worthy Excellent Companion Davison, Mayor of the City of Calgary. Companion Davison has had a useful and busy career as a Mason both in the Craft lodge and in the Royal Arch. He has a creditable record and name in civic life as Alderman and Mayor of this city. It is indeed a pleasure to introduce him to you and to the companions this morning.

M. E. Companion Morrison: E. Companion Davison, it is with pleasure that we welcome you here this morning. As M. E. Companion Selwood has said, I think the Royal Arch Masons in Calgary have just reason to be proud of the fact that you are one of them. It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to this our annual gathering. Your work in the civic life of your city is well known to us and it is a matter of great pride indeed that your interest in and zeal for masonry are not in any way dimmed by the calls of your high office. I would ask that you approach the east.

E. Companion Davison: Most Excellent Companion Morrison and Companions, it is a double pleasure for me to come here on behalf of the Citizens of Calgary and personally extend greetings to the seventeenth Annual Convocation of Alberta Royal Arch Masons. The

pleasure of representing, as I do, all the citizens of Calgary is a personal pleasure because I have the honour to be a member of this Grand Chapter.

I wish particularly to extend greetings to the delegates from outside points who are with us. I particularly wish to welcome, for the first time I believe, to the City of Calgary, R. E. Companion Syme. We are always pleased to have our friends from the neighboring provinces come and visit and I sincerely trust that while Companion Syme is staying in the City he will find us a friendly and hospitable people.

I have recollections of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and of being called upon to extend greetings, and some of you probably remember that at the banquet the Grand Master of Saskatchewan remarked that in my welcome I did not say a word about what a wonderful city this is; that we are a much better city than Edmonton, and that it was possible to sell oil stock and make money. I did not get a chance to reply at that time, but I will now. Those things are so apparent to any one that I would be wasting time and wearying you by a recital of them. Freemasonry in this city is held in the very highest esteem by our citizens as a whole, both Masonic and other; and Masonry is doing a very wonderful and excellent work in the city. After a membership in the Craft of nineteen years I know (having taken some interest in the work of the order) that this is a fact.

We are passing through trying and depressing times now, but this splendid delegation today is an indication that in spite of it we still hold our interest in Masonry.

As Mayor of this city in 1930 and again this year, it has been my rather unpleasant duty to have many men come and see me, asking for work as they did not wish for charity, but I am proud of one fact, that to date I have not had one single Freemason, knowing that I was a Freemason, ask for preferential treatment because he too belonged to the Craft. I have not had one Mason come to me and intimate that he was a member of the Craft. I have found out that certain men were destitute and were members of the Craft, and if they happened to belong to one of our local lodges I have taken it on myself to bring the matter to the attention of our Masonic brethren, and in every instance assistance was given, and I think that is a wonderful thing.

I know from previous experience of conventions such as this that you are going to have a busy two days and that you have a lot of business to dispose of, so I will not unduly delay you. I would most sincerely tell you that we are pleased to have you in our city at the present time. I know your gathering will be a success, and if there is anything that we civic officials can do to assist the brethren during the time they are in the city you may rest assured that we will do it. I thank you sincerely for your welcome to myself, and Companion Selwood for his reference to my work as Mayor of the city and masonically.

REPLY ON BEHALF OF VISITING BRETHREN

R. E. Companion McGhee: Most Excellent Sir, on behalf of the visitors, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to sincerely thank E. Companion Davison for the very warm welcome extended to us. You, Most Excellent Sir, and the Excellent Companions from the icy North, undoubtedly feel benefited by this Southern balmy weather, and we all appreciate the warmth of the cordial welcome extended to us by His Worship the Mayor of the City of Calgary. I know that I voice the pleasure and pride of all the companions present that one of the active

valued members of our Craft should be the mayor of this, the largest city in the Province. His genial disposition, sterling character and outstanding business ability have made him one of the most popular men in Western Canada.

The companions who live in the Southern part of the Province and who have had the pleasure of working in the Masonic vineyard with our good friend Andy, as has been my privilege, appreciate the amount of labor and effort which he has expended in Masonic work, and I believe that there is not a Chapter or Lodge within one hundred miles of Calgary where this good companion is not known and loved.

Excellent Companion Davison, during our short sojourn here, I am certain that you will find us law-abiding citizens, but if unfortunately some of us should encounter difficulties in your fair city—where the companions are so lavish with their hospitality—I feel certain that we shall receive fair and sympathetic treatment.

On behalf of the visitors, I again wish to thank you sincerely for your very cordial welcome.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett was requested by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal to retire and introduce the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, R. W. Brother George W. Kerby, B.A., D.D.

R. E. Companion Follett: Most Excellent Sir, it gives me great pleasure indeed to introduce to you, and through you to Grand Chapter, Right Worshipful Brother George W. Kerby, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M. E. Companion Morrison: It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you here this morning to the Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Personally I have always felt that the relations between the Grand body you represent and ourselves should be closer than apparently they are. Both institutions are engaged in a noble work, and the more complete the harmony between them, the better it will be for Masonry as a whole. We will be pleased to have a few words from you on this occasion, and may I ask you to convey to your Grand Lodge the Fraternal Greetings of this Grand Chapter.

R. W. Brother Dr. Kerby: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I am going to begin by telling you an incident that befell an acquaintance of mine in the southern part of this continent. This happened to a man in San Francisco.

A well-known and supposedly well-to-do man received a letter one morning signed by the Black Hand. The letter read as follows: "On a certain day, at a certain time, at a certain place, you will deposit \$5000.00, or failing to do so we will immediately remove your wife from your house and home."

He replied: "I regret that I have not \$5,000.00, but I am in sympathy with the movement."

I tell that story to you, my companions, to show you that I am in perfect sympathy with the splendid movement that is represented by this body of men in this great fraternity. We sometimes say that

there are wheels within wheels, and I presume it would be true to say that this Grand Chapter is a wheel within the wheel of universal Masonry making its contribution, and a great contribution, to the quantity and quality of fellowship, fraternity and good-will that the world needs more and more of.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, let me say that Grand Lodge is keenly interested in you as a Grand Chapter and, as your chief officer has said, we are working along the same lines and we have the same objective and are working out the problems of our work. The Grand Lodge of Alberta, as you know, has more than 14,000 membership and was never in better condition, on the whole, than it is now. I do not know whether it is right for me to say that it has a fraternal interest in the Chapter and other organizations within the circle of Masonry, but it has deep interest.

I am not going to take up time which is precious. I am thinking of an adage I heard when a boy and which I am trying to live up to: "Blessed is the man who maketh a short speech on a programme that is already crowded, for he shall be invited to speak again."

Telegrams were read by Grand Scribe E. from various Past Grand First Principals.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

Excellent Companions of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Another year has rolled by and we are again assembled in Annual Convocation to deliberate over the affairs of Grand Chapter and to determine what is best for the future.

I extend to you, Companions, a sincere and hearty welcome to this Convocation. I trust the fraternal love and welfare of our great order will be guiding principles in your deliberations. As we look back over the past year and mark the changes, mark the successes and failures, let us find in these an incentive for greater work—greater activity—in the year that is now with us. Let us endeavor to find a common ground for the advancement of Capitular Masonry in Alberta.

Let me premise my submission that no one is more conscious than I of the difficulties which an office of such high responsibilities as this present, and no one more conscious of my failure to measure up to the task imposed upon me when selected as your Grand First Principal. I entered upon the duties of that high office feeling that it was incumbent upon me to contribute of my best towards promoting the interests of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. I endeavored to do that; with what measure of success is for you to judge.

I am not here going to dilate upon Royal Arch Masonry. This is a theme that has often been presented; what I stressed everywhere was the importance of living up to the principles taught in our work—carrying its precepts into our everyday life—so that the community in which we live would be the better off because of the existence in it of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. It is only by living the life of a Royal Arch Mason that we can exert influence upon those with whom we come in contact; and the public reputation of the order will be measured by the way we perform our part—conduct ourselves—as Royal Arch Masons.

The Royal Arch is the great all-embracing degree of Masonry—the keystone of the whole Masonic structure. To it all the Craft degrees lead and in it all the moral lessons are embodied. It is the end of all Masonic search. It stands by itself. It teaches faith in a life hereafter—in the immortality of the soul. In it the revelation of God's Holy name is made, and we rejoice in the knowledge of Him that is revealed unto us. The question that should concern us at this Convocation is, above all others, "What of the future?" We cannot continue as we have been without a reaction. The order is

what we ourselves make it. Tomorrow it will reflect the part we play today. If we fail, the order suffers and the fault is ours. It should be our great ambition to walk worthily in the footsteps of those who have gone before, ever heightening our aspirations, ever fitting our Masonic garments to the needs of the age in which we live; holding aloft the torch of Masonic light to the end that it may pass undimmed to those who succeed us. Our order should help each and every one of us to be better men, better citizens, better Masons, worthy of the great Dominion and Empire to which we belong. This is the message I carried to the Chapters during my term of office; it is the message I now pass on to you, Excellent Companions of this Grand Chapter.

NECROLOGY

Before we proceed further with the business that has brought us here, let us pause for a moment in loving remembrance of our fraternal dead—they who worked and moved with us and have passed out to the Great Beyond.

It is with deep regret we record the passing of Companion George H. Travis, Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, and a member of Harmony Chapter, No. 26. He had just about begun his work when he was summoned from this sublunary abode to those mansions eternal in the heavens. Grand Scribe E. kindly arranged to send flowers and M. E. Companion James R. Flan represented the Grand Chapter at the funeral. The Grand Registrar, R. E. Companion Albert E. Portman, took charge of the district, and in this capacity has rendered excellent service. Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of the deceased companion.

Another past Grand Superintendent passed on in the person of R. E. Companion J. J. Green, of Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton. Companion Green was unremittingly zealous in his labors for the advancement of Masonry in his district. His good work lives after him. We mourn his passing.

The passing recently of R. E. Companion (Judge) Hedley C. Taylor of Edmonton was a great loss to Capitular Masonry, particularly in the City of Edmonton where he was beloved by all. Companion Taylor was a great example of the Royal Arch Mason who carried into his every day life the teachings and principles of Capitular Masonry. To North Star Chapter we extend our sympathy in the loss of a member who was such a tower of strength to it and to his family and friends our profound sympathy in their bereavement.

During the year death removed two of our Grand Representatives: Harry Oscar Perry, of Maryland, and John K. Brydon, of Ontario. R. E. Companion Brydon was a very old man, faithful to the Royal Craft to the last. R. E. Companion Perry was also a most faithful representative of this Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Maryland. We extend our sympathies to these respective Grand bodies in the loss sustained by them.

Twenty-six deaths have been reported from our Chapters, among these being some of our most faithful and conscientious workers. They will be missed by their companions, and we join in extending to their families and friends our sincere sympathies.

We also offer our heartfelt sympathy to those of our sister Grand Jurisdictions who have lost distinguished companions during the year.

VISITATIONS

I endeavored, during the year, to visit as many Chapters as I possibly could. The federal elections interfered with my visitations in the spring and early summer months and pressing business affairs in the early fall. To those Chapters that I was unable to visit I tender my sincere apologies. My being located in the far-flung North-eastern section of the jurisdiction did not make it easy for me to get away whenever I so desired. I sincerely trust that, during the coming year, arrangements will be made to visit, in particular, those Chapters which I was obliged to neglect this year.

And in this connection may I suggest that some arrangement whereby Grand Second and Third Principals might be enabled to substitute for the Grand First Principal, would materially assist in covering all the Chapters in the course of a year, particularly in the case, as mine, where it would be difficult for the Grand First Principal to make the visitations. I commend this suggestion for your consideration. The visiting Principals would report direct to the Grand First Principal.

June 10.—Visited North Star Chapter, No. 2, where I was well received. It was an off-night, the attendance not being large, but at that a pleasant and profitable evening was spent. I arranged to come back for a further visit.

June 13.—I assisted at the consecration of David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, at Jasper. The ceremony of installation was carried out by R. E. Companion Summerill, assisted by R. E. Companion Sandilands and V. E. Companions Long and Fielding, who had kindly remained over after Grand Lodge meeting to be present and assist in the ceremony. The evening was very profitably spent, several addresses being made. The newly constituted Chapter begins its career in Capitular Masonry under the most happy auspices. The selection of officers is good and I bespeak for them the active co-operation of the companions of the Chapter. The members of the Chapter were hosts to the visitors at a delightful dinner at one of the local hotels.

June 14.—Edson Chapter, No. 30, was duly consecrated by R. E. Companion Summerill, assisted by several companions of Capital City Chapter. The ceremonies took place in the afternoon with a goodly attendance of officers and members. Edson has a splendid list of officers and, while its territory is restricted, I feel quite sure it will prove a live factor in our Chapter work in the jurisdiction. After the ceremony the companions tendered us a luncheon, which was most heartily enjoyed by the goodly numbers present.

June 23.—Visited Alberta Chapter, No. 1, at Calgary this evening, where I was greeted by a very large number of Royal Arch Masons. Ten or eleven candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, the ceremony being performed faultlessly. A sumptuous banquet followed during which several speeches were made.

September 5.—Visited Strathcona Chapter, No. 25. There was no work, but the attendance was good. Past Grand First Principals M. E. Companions Coote and Downey and the Grand District Superintendent, R. E. Companion McCurdy, were present. Different phases of the work of Capitular Masonry were discussed in short addresses at the "after-dinner" speechmaking.

September 18.—Visited Coronation Chapter, No. 23. There was no work; the attendance was good and the companions were keenly

alive to the work of Capitular Masonry. This Chapter, like two or three others in the jurisdiction, is somewhat isolated and thus has to depend upon its own resources for inspiration. Chapters like these deserve the particular attention of Grand Chapter officers. The banquet following the meeting was a most enjoyable function.

September 19.—I visited Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, at Drumheller. The attendance was good. The Grand District Superintendent, R. E. Companion Odell, was in attendance. Leadership and service were points stressed in my remarks at the banquet. This Chapter was feeling the effects of the depression, but the assurance was for a good year. The companions appeared to be keenly interested in the message I conveyed to them.

November 17.—Visited Hiram Chapter, No. 19. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred in a very capable manner by R. E. Companion Cowin and his officers. Some of the companions had driven over twenty miles to be present. I like that spirit. I was accompanied by R. E. Companion Odell, Grand Superintendent for the District, to whose courtesy I am indebted for enabling me to make the visitation on this particular occasion. I found the officers well up in their work and loyally supported by the companions.

November 18.—This was a district meeting or chapter of instruction at Hanna. All the Chapters excepting Coronation were well represented and here again individual members came long distances to attend. R. E. Companion Odell presided. R. E. Companion MacPherson, Grand Lecturer, was present and upon my invitation questions in the respective degrees were asked and fully answered by him. I feel it was an enjoyable as well as a profitable evening for all of us. At the close of the meeting Hanna Chapter was host to the visitors at a local hotel. I endeavored to impress upon the companions the necessity of vigorous leadership in our Chapters. The reception tendered here was whole-hearted and we enjoyed our visit.

Hiram and Hanna Chapters are not far apart. Interchange of visits is frequent and should be helpful. The closer the co-operation between the two, the more effective service they will perform for the cause of Royal Arch Masonry.

November 19.—From Hanna to Pincher Creek is a long jump, but we were amply repaid for the journey by the warmth of the welcome given us. Unfortunately, owing to a severe storm which had come up in the afternoon, several of the Chapters were unable to attend. Notwithstanding this the attendance was good. We followed the same program as at Hanna and it was remarked that here the Grand Lecturer had to face an entirely new set of questions, which I am pleased to say he answered to the utmost satisfaction of everybody. Several knotty problems were cleared up. The Grand District Superintendent, R. E. Companion Donkin, did not reach the hall until quite late in the evening, showing that determination invariably wins out. E. Companion Finch in the meantime presided. We all regretted the inability of M. E. Companion Middleton and R. E. Companion Haslam to be present, they having been forced to turn back after plodding against the storm for more than half the way. An enjoyable banquet followed the meeting, the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter doing the catering. I again stressed service and leadership in my remarks.

November 19. From Pincher Creek we journeyed back to a joint meeting of Districts 3 and 4 in Otuskwan Chapter. R. E. Companion George A. Rounce presided. That considerable interest was manifest

in the work was evident by the nature of the questions submitted the Grand Lecturer. Right Excellent Companions Second and Third Grand Principals were visitors also that evening. Altogether it was an interesting and profitable meeting. The banquet which followed was an enjoyable function. Several companions took part in the "after-dinner" speechmaking. The companions of the Calgary Chapters proved themselves excellent hosts. The attendance was large and most encouraging.

November 20.—Districts 1 and 6 met at Acacia Hall, Edmonton South, with a large attendance of delegates. The Grand Lecturer again very creditably discharged the onerous duties of his office in his elucidation of some intricate points respecting the floor work and the ritual in general. A very enjoyable banquet followed. My remarks were along the same lines as at Calgary.

November 24.—I visited Keystone Chapter, No. 12, at Red Deer. There was no work. Owing to outside attraction the attendance was not large. This used to be a key Chapter and I trust that with its new officers it will again assert its effectiveness in the work of Capitular Masonry. I urged leadership; the matter of a few taking hold and pushing things along. The Chapter entertained us to a banquet after close of Chapter and it was a function we all enjoyed. Keystone is very happily situated, and after the present depression passes I am looking forward to a distinct move towards progress being made by it.

November 25.—Visited Crescent Chapter, No. 24, at Calgary. The Chapter had as its guests Alberta Chapter, No. 1. The attendance was large and keen interest was taken in the evening's program. The degree of Most Excellent Master was conferred upon two candidates in a highly creditable manner. At the banquet I spoke on the spirit which should imbue a Royal Arch Mason in his work. Several other companions also addressed the festive gathering. It was a most inspiring gathering of Chapter Masons.

November 26.—Visited Mount Horeb, No. 6, at Wetaskiwin where I was royally received by the companions. The attendance was not large, but the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry permeated the gathering. I was pleased with the interest taken. The fourth degree was an enjoyable function. Mount Horeb is looking forward to a year of real service for Capitular Masonry.

December 9.—Visited my home Chapter, Vermilion, No. 14, where I assisted in the installation of the new officers, the ceremony in connection with which being very ably carried out by V. E. Companions Scott, Fallow and Long. The newly installed Principal outlined his program for the year and which augurs well for the work of the Chapter in 1931. He divided his proposed activities along three lines: educational, masonic and social.

December 1.—Visited Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, at Didsbury. Both the Second and Third Grand Principals were present. This is the home Chapter of the former. The newly installed officers gave every assurance of a forward movement in their Chapter work. I look to a prosperous year in this Chapter. I spoke a few words on the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry. Fourth degree and a social half hour followed, which were well enjoyed by the companions present.

December 11.—Visited Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, at Strathmore and was most cordially received by the companions of that Chapter. It was the night of their election of officers and I gathered

that a most efficient list was elected. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in a very acceptable manner. The floor work was creditably done. Long distances did not deter a large attendance. A feast of good things followed and what with addresses and so on a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. Their reception to the Grand officers present was whole-hearted.

December 12.—Paid Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen, a visit this evening and was cordially received along with the other Grand Chapter officers. There was no work, but the members appeared to be in a most encouraging frame of mind as to the future. Refreshments and a social half hour followed.

January 9.—Attended a joint installation of the officers of Capital City and Norwood Chapters in the former's chapter rooms. There was a large attendance. The ceremony of installation was most impressively carried out. At the banquet which followed, several short addresses were made. I was struck by the harmony that appeared to exist between these two Chapters; indeed this appears to be the feeling among city Chapters generally.

December 13.—Visited North Star Chapter, No. 2, the second time and was most cordially received. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates in a very acceptable manner. Several companions gave short and inspiring addresses at the banquet which followed. The reception was most cordial.

January 19.—Visited Bekah Chapter, No. 7, at Mac'eod. This is an old Chapter and among its founders was M. E. Companion Patterson who was present that evening. Among the others present were the Grand Superintendent for the District, R. E. Companion Donkin, and R. E. Companions Cumberland and Cruikshank. It was a most enjoyable visitation and I feel, quite helpful to the Chapter. A feast of good things was provided and the hour was quite late before we all "gang awa."

January 20.—Visited Hillvue, No. 15, at Hillcrest. The installation of officers took place under the direction of R. E. Companion John Dan McDonald, and I was assured the list was most capable. A banquet followed at which I spoke on some phases of our work. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to R. E. Companion Cruikshank of a certificate of life membership. The honor was indeed a worthy one and well merited.

January 21.—Came to Tau Cross, No. 16, at Claresholm, where I was most cordially received. There was no work. I addressed the Chapter, suggesting certain lines of activities that might be helpful to the members in their work. Fourth degree and social half hour followed. A most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

January 22.—In company with a large number of esteemed companions from Calgary Chapters, I visited Golden West Chapter, No. 5, at High River. The newly elected officers were installed into office by M. E. Companion Flan. Needless to say the ceremony was faultlessly carried out. The occasion was marked by the installation for the third time of R. E. Companion Gould as First Principal—a probably unique circumstance in the history of Chapter work in our jurisdiction. This was also the occasion of R. E. Companion Gould's 80th birthday—still hale and hearty and ready to push things forward for the honour of Golden West. He has a most capable set of officers, and Golden West should give an excellent account of itself for 1931.

May I here express my heartfelt appreciation of the assistance and courtesies extended me in my visitations by M. E. Companions Coote, Ironside, Selwood, Flan and Downey; R. E. Companions Follett and McGhee, Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companions MacPherson and the different Grand District Superintendents. Nothing could be more encouraging than the valuable assistance and suggestions rendered by these companions during my visitations.

My purpose in visiting was to find out the problems of the different Chapters and offer such solution as I felt might be of help. In doing so I stressed the matter of leadership—the need for a few of the companions taking hold and pushing things along; education by having a small library from which companions could borrow books for general reading and that they might prepare papers or addresses to be given at Chapter meetings; social, the holding of entertainments devoted entirely to Chapter members and their immediate friends and occasionally inviting the members of the Craft lodges and their friends. I also strongly urged that Chapters should never permit merely an opening, general business and a closing, but should have a practice or something on the program every evening and thus create an interest in Chapter work. I emphasize these suggestions again.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

With respect to our membership for 1930, I am pleased to state that in the face of serious adverse circumstances our net loss is only 24. (There was an increase in the previous year of 28.) I do not regard this, however, an actual loss. If we take the withdrawals (and these are still members of the Royal Craft), we find that instead of a loss we have really made a gain of 44. In the reduction of membership the most serious item is that of suspensions. The number, however, for 1930 was 53, as compared with 87 in 1929, showing a decided improvement. The withdrawals were 68, as against 86 in the previous year, again a favorable indication. The number of suspensions is very small as compared with our total membership. Neither withdrawals nor suspensions can possibly be avoided. If we can sustain or keep our membership intact we are doing remarkably well and there is no cause for worry. It has been a difficult year for all organizations and I truly believe that in comparison with other associations the condition of our institution will be found most favorable.

SUSPENSIONS

The question of suspension for non-payment of dues is elsewhere referred to. It is one of the most pressing and engaging problems with which we have to cope, and perhaps the fundamental reason for this is that we are dealing with elements of human nature difficult of being successfully overcome. It is possible that the officers of a Chapter, or Scribe E., may be partly responsible, but no matter how great their default may be it does not explain the difficulty in its entirety. Each year the question is referred to in all Jurisdictions. There appears to be no solution; as a fact there is none. In Canada the loss through this avenue is, however, considerably less proportionately than in the United States. We know that in no age has there been so many subtle, distracting influences as in the present one, when even the great Christian religion is straining upon its ancient moorings. The remedies suggested for the present condition of things are many and varied. I do not think any one method can be adopted with success. However, I will add one more to the plethora already on our records. It may be worth trying. What I have in mind is the appointment by the

Chapters of a committee—call it a service or utility committee or by any cognomen you wish—but it would be the duty of this committee to assist the officers in matters outside the regular work of the Chapter, to interview delinquent and/or neglectful members and inspire interest in the Chapter work generally. The matter of the collection of dues might be entrusted to this committee, who should make it a point to interview companions found in this category. It would learn by direct personal contact something of the cause of the indifference which has found its way into some of our Chapters. Its great aim and purpose, however, should be to eliminate arrears of dues and to impress effectively upon indifferent companions the purposes and principles of our order. On the whole it would be the driving force behind the Chapter in providing that interest within our ranks that makes for the development and the welfare of our institution and the constituent members.

DISPENSATIONS

The following applications for dispensations were received:

Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen.—To confirm election and installation of a companion to the office of Second Principal without serving a term of one year as Third Principal, this arising through an oversight on part of the First Principal. *Granted.*

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown.—To permit holding election of officers out of regular night of meeting. *Granted.*

Golden West, No. 5, High River.—To elect and install a Principal Sojourner on April 2nd, 1930, the incumbent of that office having resigned; also to elect and install a new Second Principal on same night, dispensation for which was applied for but received too late for the immediate Past Grand First Principal to take action upon before meeting of Grand Chapter. *Granted.*

Crescent, No. 24, Calgary.—To open Chapter at 7 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock. *Granted to open at 7:30; minutes to be read at 8 o'clock.*

David Thompson, No. 29, Jasper.—To install officers out of time—January instead of December. *Granted.*

Norwood, No. 18, Edmonton.—To install out of time, jointly with Capital City, No. 13, on its regular night of meeting. *Granted.*

David Thompson, No. 29.—To elect a Third Principal, former incumbent having resigned. *Granted.*

Edson Chapter, No. 30, Edson.—To install the Treasurer and Scribe E. at the regular convocation on September 9th. *Granted.*

Calgary, No. 11, Calgary.—To hold its regular convocation on Monday, November 17th instead of on Monday, November 10th. *Granted.*

David Thompson, No. 29, Jasper.—To install Second Principal in Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, on October 7, 1930. *Granted.*

Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek.—To change date of regular convocation from October 16th to October 23rd, 1930. *Granted.*

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown.—To install officers out of time, Chapter having neglected to give proper notice thereof at its regular convocation in May. *Granted.*

David Thompson, No. 29, Jasper.—To install as Second Principal a companion who had not served one year as Third Principal. *Granted*

Otuskwā Chapter, No. 9, Calgary.—To hold joint installation of officers with Calgary Chapter, No. 11, in the Masonic Hall, Hillhurst. *Granted.*

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano.—To confer degrees of Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master in the lodge room of Hussar Lodge at Hussar, Alberta. *Granted.*

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge.—To hold emergent convocation to confer the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch degrees on same date, June 25. *Granted.*

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano.—Permission to wear Chapter sashes at a social gathering. *Not approved.*

David Thompson, No. 29, Jasper.—To install a companion as Third Principal, he being absent from regular installation. *Granted.*

GRAND COUNCIL OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

I directed Grand Scribe E. to communicate with the Grand Chapters of Canada and urge the necessity of instituting a Grand Council or General Grand Chapter of the Grand Chapters in Canada to meet every three years or so and adjudicate upon any questions of moment that might rise in the individual Grand Chapters, to the end that such body might bring these Grand Chapters closer together, co-ordinate their constitutions and rituals and generally make the Royal Craft a force working more in unison than it possibly can do under our present detached system.

BY-LAWS

The following applications for changes in by-laws of Chapters came before me for consideration:

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury.—To change night of meeting from the Wednesday after full moon to the first Wednesday of each month. *Approved.*

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion.—To provide for remuneration by way of remission of dues to treasurer for services rendered as such officer. *Approved.*

David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper.—By-laws for government of Chapter. *Approved with recommendation for slight changes.*

Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation.—To reduce number of meetings. *Not approved.*

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer.—To change regular night of meeting from "Fourth Tuesday" to "Third Thursday." *Approved.*

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

This has proven a bigger task than was originally anticipated. It is felt, nevertheless, when the revision is finally completed, we shall have a constitution which will meet with general approval. I am hopeful at this date that the committee in charge will be in a position

to present a report to you as to what it has accomplished. The need is urgent. While we are enjoined to obey our constitution and the constitution must be adhered to, still we should make our system of government such that it should not occasion conflict or a variety of opinion. All constitutions, sooner or later, must suffer the infliction of the pruning knife, and personally I feel when all questions are finally settled, we shall go on with our great work in that utmost harmony which characterizes Masonry the world over.

RULING RE MARK MASTER MASON AND MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREES

At the Chapter of Instruction of Districts 3 and 4 the question was asked me as to whether the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees could be conferred in lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters after close of Chapter or should the Chapter be called off to confer the degrees. In reply I stated that the degrees could only be conferred, in my opinion, in Chapter, and for that purpose the Chapter would have to be called off; in other words, the degrees could not be conferred after the close of the Chapter.

Objection was taken to my view-point, this being based largely on the fact that the "rules, edicts and constitution of Grand Chapter must be obeyed," and that section 73 permitted said lodges to be opened and worked without the Chapter being first opened.

I based my opinion or ruling upon the fact that lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Master Masons had no separate entities; the rules, regulations and laws governing their conduct were those of the Grand Chapter; that is, there was no Grand body such as obtains in England with regard to Mark Master Masons.

I wish now to deal with the matter a little more fully, as it is one of more or less concern to the Chapters generally.

Section 3 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter gives that body jurisdiction over all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and all Lodges of Most Excellent Masters and Mark Master Masons, and grants dispensation for constitution of Chapters and Lodges of Mark and Most Excellent Masters with authority to revoke or cancel said charters.

Section 27. No warrant or dispensation shall be granted constituting lodges of Mark or Most Excellent Masters independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Section 65. All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters as regular bodies of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters are called lodges.

Section 73. Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters may be opened and worked without the Chapter being first opened. This is the contentious section. If lodges can be worked without the Chapter being called, then it should be possible to convene them after the close of the Chapter, or, as a fact, anytime, providing notice has been given, but there is no provision anywhere for a notice and there are no rules, laws nor regulations, apart from those of the Chapter. The notice to be given is that calling the Chapter.

Section 99 says all balloting shall take place in the Royal Arch degree—that is, all balloting must be done in the Royal Arch degree;

but we say degrees may be conferred after Chapter has closed. This does not seem to be quite in order. The Chapter certainly is not functioning after it has closed. How then can the officers with their regalias take their place and function in a body that is working apparently independent of the Chapter? When the Chapter closes the officers have ceased to act as such. Does not this also hold when the Chapter has not opened at all as will be observed later?

I ventured the opinion at that time that the so-called lodges were mis-named; that the work should be known as degrees and conferred in the same manner as obtains in Craft Masonry. As the degrees are made necessary or constituent of the Royal Arch, and governed by the Royal Arch, I submitted they should be conferred in Chapter alone.

Then again the warrant of constitution, the very foundation of all Chapters, specifically empowers and authorizes "*the Chapter when duly congregated*, to open and hold lodges of Mark Master and Most Excellent Masters to confer the several degrees pertaining thereto and the Holy Royal Arch in accordance with the established customs of the order, etc.," Chapters, regardless of constitutional restrictions or rights, cannot go beyond the powers conferred by their warrant of constitution.

Is a Chapter "duly congregated" after it has closed and can it confer the lodge degrees when it is not "duly congregated" or even opened? The warrant of constitution does not authorize the holding of a lodge other than when a Chapter is "duly congregated." Does then Section 73 become impossible of being carried out or does the constitution of Grand Chapter nullify the warrant it issues to the Chapters?

The historical review in connection with this matter is not very illuminating. It is known that the first Chapters held in Canada were called "Lodges" and that it was not until 1817 that a move was made to separate the Royal Arch from Craft Masonry. The first Grand Chapter of Upper Canada was instituted at Kingston, Ontario, in 1817. It proceeded at once to issue dispensations. Then in 1857, at Hamilton, we find the organization of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Canada. The three degrees not recognized by Grand Chapter of England, the Mark Master Mason, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, were incorporated into the new system. The constitution of Grand Chapter of England as followed by that of Upper Canada was, as far as can be gathered, adopted by the Grand Chapter in Canada and here is where we appear to have the origin of the confusion with respect to the additional degrees or lodges. Proper care, it would seem to me, was not taken in synchronising the ritual of the additional degrees and the Constitution which had been taken or made over for the government of the institution.

In the 1930 Proceedings of the Grand Chapter in Canada, the following rulings were given on this question by the Grand First Principal:

"When a Chapter meets in regular convocation to transact business and confers Mark Master degree, what is the proper way to close? Should Chapter be called off to confer the Mark Master Degree, then called on and close in the Holy Royal Arch? I ruled that this is the proper procedure. The conferring of the degree being a part of the order of business for the convocation must be completed before the Chapter is closed in due form in the Holy Royal Arch."

"Is it necessary to open in the Holy Royal Arch degree, at an Emergent Convocation when the work of the evening is the conferring

of the Mark Master degree or the Most Excellent Master degree? I ruled that it is not necessary, simply open in the degree which is to be worked, confer the degree, and then close."

The difficulty I have here is of harmonising these rulings. An emergent convocation is a regular convocation called at other than the regular date and for some specific purpose. An emergent functions as a regular Chapter. If a lodge degree has to be conferred, that must appear on the notice. Does the last ruling mean that you call the companions to an emergent convocation of Chapter and then not open as such but as a lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters and proceed to confer the degree and that without duly congregating as a Chapter? With all due respect, I feel the rulings are in conflict. The notice in one, if I understand the question aright, is for an Emergent Convocation to confer lodge degrees. Are not the ruling officers bound by this notice to open in the Royal Arch degree and, having opened in the Royal Arch, does not the first ruling then come into play? The notice should be for a meeting of a lodge to confer whatever degree is required, not a notice calling for an emergent convocation, but this would be giving the lodges an independent status, which the constitution prohibits. Therefore, I submit, you have to fall back on the premise that the degree can only be conferred between the opening and closing of Chapter whether regular or emergent.

I did not give effect to my ruling as it had not been officially submitted to me by a Chapter. The question was asked at a Chapter of Instruction, possibly for the sake of information or interpretation of a matter which several Chapters had been discussing among themselves for some time. I gave it the interpretation that I saw it bore in the hope that if it presented any difficulty it should be set right.

I sincerely trust the submission will receive due consideration at this Convocation and in the spirit which animated your Grand First Principal in giving the opinion which he did—the enhancement and smooth working out of whatever pertains to the welfare of our order.

HEADQUARTERS FOR ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

Some months ago I endeavored to arrange with the Masonic Temple Association at Calgary for an office room where our records and library could be kept. Unfortunately I was unable to do so, largely because there did not appear to be such facility available. I am strongly of the view that this should be undertaken. The reports are now kept in Grand Scribe E's place of business; the library and records at his home. Personally I do not think this is satisfactory nor does it comport with the dignity of our order, and I would therefore urge that steps be authorized by this Convocation whereby there may be established in the City of Calgary a "head office" (if you so wish to put it) of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. In the event of a fire at Grand Scribe E's business premises, reports would be lost that could not possibly be replaced.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

May I express my appreciation to the Grand Superintendents for the efficiency of their work during the year. The district meetings or Chapters of Instruction were all well arranged and the attendance most encouraging. They are to be congratulated on the success of these meetings and their efforts for the good of our order must have been productive of good results. They have been most active in their respective districts. I have therefore much pleasure in recommending,

subject to the approval of the committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon

R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy, Edmonton.
 R. E. Companion. Robert E. Donkin, Frank.
 R. E. Companion Albert E. Portman, Calgary.
 R. E. Companion George A. Rounce, Calgary.
 R. E. Companion John G. Odell, Hanna.
 R. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill, Edmonton.

APPOINTMENTS

To fill vacancies that had occurred I had much pleasure in recommending to Grand Chapters near this jurisdiction the appointment of the following companions as their representatives to this Grand Chapter:

British Columbia—R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands, Edmonton.
 New Brunswick—R. E. Companion Roy M. Lambertson, Edmonton.
 West Virginia—V. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand, Calgary.
 Wyoming—V. E. Companion James H. Smith, Lethbridge.

FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES

Owing to vacancies in our representation at foreign jurisdiction, I have had great pleasure in approving the appointment of the following Grand Representatives:

Maryland—M. E. Companion Roy Danzer in the place of Companion Harry Oscar Perry, deceased. Companion Danzer has a splendid record as a member of that Grand Chapter.

Ontario—V. E. Companion John M. Empey in the place of Companion John K. Brydon, deceased. Companion Empey, it may be added, is a former member of Alberta Chapter, No. 106, Calgary, in which Chapter he was Past Principal in 1911. He is also a Past Grand Director of Ceremonies of this Grand Chapter and an Honorary member of several Chapters in this jurisdiction. I feel we were most fortunate in securing V. E. Companion Empey to act as our Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

INVITATIONS

Kind invitations were received by me from:

The Grand Chapter of Manitoba,
 The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia,
 The Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario,
 The Grand Chapter of North Dakota,
 The Grand Chapter of British Columbia,
 The General Grand Chapter of America,

and other Grand Chapters, but I regretted exceedingly these could not be accepted. The time of the year did not make it convenient for me to attend. I asked R. E. Companion W. J. Seed, formerly of this Grand Chapter, to convey my regrets personally to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia upon my inability to be with them. I accepted the invitation of the Grand Chapter of the sister Province of Saskatchewan which met at Saskatoon on February 18th. I extended to it the greetings of this Grand Chapter and I was asked to convey the kindly feelings and best wishes of that Grand Body to this Convo-

cation. While in attendance at that Convocation I had the great pleasure of presenting Past Grand First Principal M. E. Companion Joseph F. York and Most Excellent Companion George F. Burgess, the Grand First Principal, with Certificates of Life Membership in this Grand Chapter, which presentation was most graciously accepted by the respective companions and each expressed his thanks and deep appreciation to this Grand Chapter for the honor bestowed. I am pleased to note that the sister Grand Chapter showed an increase of membership this year and altogether appeared to be in a most healthy and encouraging condition. I appreciated very much the kindness and courtesy extended to me as your representative on the occasion of my visit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In the course of my visitations I made it a point to discuss various phases of our work with the officers and companions of the Chapters visited. I took advantage as well to offer certain suggestions that might tend to improve the general working out of our institution. I beg now to present a synopsis of those views for the consideration of Grand Chapter in the form of suggestions or recommendations.

1. That the Proceedings of Grand Chapter should contain a biographical sketch of the Grand First Principal. As far as I know no record of this nature of our Past Most Excellent Principals is now extant. I would further recommend that Grand Scribe E. secure these sketches and include same in the Proceedings for this year. The value of these sketches will become apparent as the year in which the respective incumbents held office recedes into the past. They will in the years to come constitute a valuable page in the history of our Grand Chapter.

2. That District Superintendents be appointed at the district meetings or Chapters of Instruction, the rotating idea to be held in mind as at present. I am, however, mindful that the best and most competent official should be selected quite regardless of the Chapter to which he belongs. Districts have suffered at times because companions had to be chosen as at present and who perhaps were not the men best fitted for the positions. The District Superintendent can be a power for good, but he must be the right man in the right place.

3. That Chapters be asked to make provision for the installation of a small but well-selected library. I have already urged this upon the Chapters in a recent communication through Grand Scribe E's office.

4. The formation of a committee of Grand Chapter whose duties will be to outline programs for the Chapters on educational and social lines, and prepare or have prepared papers for distribution among the Chapters.

5. That permanent or official headquarters for Grand Chapter be established at Calgary and that all the reports, records and library be housed there. I would also suggest that arrangements be made whereby a duplicate of the reports may be placed in Edmonton. At present the reports are kept at the business place of Grand Scribe E. and the records and library at his home.

6. That consideration be given to the matter of reducing the cost of exaltation. I found a feeling among the rural Chapters, particularly, that possibly the present fee was too high. The suggestion

was made that it be reduced to not less than \$35.00 and the constitution amended accordingly. Chapters wishing to retain a higher fee will be at liberty to do so. The idea was that lower cost might be an incentive to the smaller Chapters to put forth greater efforts to increase their membership.

7. That Grand Chapter make provision for the payment of the out-of-pocket expenses of Grand Second Principal and Grand Third Principal while visiting Chapters when so requested by the Grand First Principal. At present one may reach the office of Grand First Principal without knowing very much about the experiences of Chapters. I feel these visitations would be of considerable value to him in his after work as Grand First Principal.

8. That some provision be made such as suggested in my correspondence to the Chapters under date of the 10th of May, 1930, with respect to the payment by the Chapter of a mortuary claim. It may be that the suggestion might be construed as being in conflict with the Insurance Act and possibly Grand Chapter could appoint a committee of its legal members to look into it. I would regard this as taking the place of our benevolent fund. I am not, however, wedded to the suggestion I made in that letter; maybe Grand Chapter can evolve something better. The amount need not at all be large, and its being paid at all might depend upon circumstances.

9. The preparation under the auspices of Grand Chapter of a booklet to be given a candidate upon the completion of his Royal Arch Degree, setting out the symbolism and interpretation of the degrees conferred upon him and generally what Royal Arch Masonry is and stands for. At present the candidate takes the degree and is left largely to his own resources to find out afterwards what it is all about.

10. There appears to be some dissatisfaction with the present arrangements between Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge with respect to the suspension of members for non-payment of dues. When a member is suspended in his lodge he automatically becomes suspended in his Chapter although there is no official connection between the two bodies. A suspended Mason is still a Mason—he only forfeits the privileges of his membership in that body. It is felt by some that as long as he pays his dues into Chapter he is entitled to the privileges of that institution, but the line would be drawn at expulsion for unmasonic conduct. I recommend the matter for the consideration of Grand Chapter. In Ontario, I notice, one can dissociate himself from Craft Masonry and still continue his connection with the Royal Craft.

11. With regard to suspensions for non-payment of dues, I gathered from my visitations that this comes about not because of inability to pay so much as from neglect or forgetfulness on the part of the companion. I endorse what M. E. Companion Flan said on this matter in his address last year. I feel with him that the principal officers do not take this phase of the work as seriously as they should. I think that Scribe E. should report from time to time to his Principal the matter of those arrears. In some Chapters it is quite serious. I would suggest that possibly those arrears be compromised and cleaned up during the coming year and then let Chapters start off with a fresh sheet next year and keep the sheets clean. A good deal can be done by the Chapters in this respect if they just have the mind to do it. When a Chapter is working "full steam ahead" as all ought to be, there will be very little trouble about arrears. At any rate I recommend

that Chapters make every effort to clean up their books even at the sacrifice of some of their members.

12. That a synopsis of the Proceedings of Grand Chapter should be made available to the members of the Chapters, who under our present system know very little of what goes on in this Grand body. I would therefore recommend that each Chapter be asked to give a night or two to a discussion of these reports and that when possible an outline of the Proceedings be mailed to the companions.

13. From a list supplied me by Grand Scribe E., I notice quite a difference in the dates of election of officers and installation. The majority appear to favor December and January for these respective ceremonies. The returns to Grand Chapter are due on the 15th of January. Chapters installing later than that date would not, I presume, be in a position to report the installation in their annual returns. I suggest that this matter be taken into consideration and I would recommend that Chapters adopt the same dates for election and installation, either November and December or December and January. It makes for greater uniformity in our work. In Ontario November is provided as the month for the election of officers. This enables the new officers to begin their work with the new year.

14. That the committee in charge of the Benevolent Fund be named "Trustees" instead. I think this is a more fitting adaption than the present designation. I took the liberty of so designating the companions having in custody these funds and I suggest the recommendation be approved.

15. Clause 69 of our present constitution provides that a dispensation is good until the last day of the month preceding the date of the next Annual Convocation. This leaves a hiatus of some three weeks during which nothing can be done by that Chapter. The form used designates dispensation until the next annual Convocation of Grand Chapter and no longer. The Grand Chapter, however, can continue the dispensation for another year. May I recommend that the Committee on Warrants take this matter under advisement and perhaps, if they saw fit, recommend that these Chapters be continued under dispensation until such time as the ceremony of consecration and dedication has taken place. I would also suggest that the committee check over sections 70 and 77 of our constitution regarding the adoption of by-laws by Chapters working under dispensation.

16. In order to overcome diffidence with respect to attendance I would suggest that the principal officers or a committee from the Chapter appointed specially for that purpose interview from time to time those companions who do not attend. There is another matter that should receive the attention of Chapters. I found companions and even officers without the proper passwords or almost passwords of any kind—they had forgotten them—and they knew less about the work. May I suggest then that the principal officers make it a point to see that every member of the Chapter is made conversant both with the floor and secret work. It will be found, upon inquiry, that quite a number remain away because they have forgotten not only how to get into the Chapter, but how to act when they do get in.

17. That the conferring of rank upon Grand Superintendents of districts be made upon the recommendation of the committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, or at least subject to its approval.

This committee has the opportunity of going over the work of those representatives more closely than the Grand First Principal and is therefore in a better position to judge their merits and pass judgment upon the work of the representative. I would be in favor of presenting the Superintendent with a jewel or some such token in appreciation for the services rendered by him during his term of office.

18. That Scribes E. should be asked to have incorporated in their minutes, as a matter of the permanent record of their Chapters, a copy of the financial statement for the year as finally certified to by the auditors.

19. That a copy of the financial returns of Chapters as certified by the auditors be attached to the annual returns made to Grand Chapter.

20. That any ruling made or given by the Grand First Principal shall become effective only upon being communicated to the Chapter or Chapters through the office of Grand Scribe E. and under the seal of the Grand Chapter.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEENSLAND

During the year negotiations between the two Grand Chapter bodies functioning in Queensland happily terminated in a union under the name of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland. I would suggest that this Grand Chapter pass a resolution formally and fraternally recognizing the newly formed Supreme Grand Body, and further suggest for your consideration an exchange of Grand Representatives.

IN CONCLUSION

I have endeavored here to give an account of my stewardship for the year of my office. I have tried to contribute my "bit" to the advancement of the Royal Craft in our jurisdiction. I regret that "bit" was not more intensive. I pass the sceptre on to my successor. One lays it down with a feeling akin to sadness, realizing, as one must do, that he travels the pathway of this high office only once and that lost opportunities of doing good can never be recalled. There is yet much labor to be done in the vineyard of our Royal Craft and therefore I pray that my successor in office and his successors will have as pleasant a journey as I did, and that each in turn will advance the aims and principles of our order just that much more so that as time goes on the mellowing influence and stabilizing effect of the teachings of Capitular Masonry will find cadence in the hearts of our people.

I wish to express once more my deep appreciation of the kindly assistance and advice at all times most cheerfully given by our Grand Scribe E. His acquaintance with and knowledge of the affairs of our Grand Chapter make his services invaluable.

And, finally, in handing over the gavel of authority to my worthy and esteemed successor, I do so conscious that I am placing it in capable and efficient hands. I bespeak for him the same generous and kindly support as has been extended to me. May you, Companions

cover my shortcomings and mistakes with the broad mantle of your charity and brotherly love, and may the Great Ruler of the Universe guide, direct and comfort you in the years that lie before you.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand First Principal.

On motion of R. E. Companion William C. Black, seconded by R. E. Companion Thomas Rankine, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's address, and that the portions pertaining to Jurisprudence and Condition of Capitular Masonry be referred to those respective Committees.

REPORT

of the

Grand Second Principal

Didsbury, Alberta, March 9th, 1931.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval a brief report of my activities as Grand Second Principal during the past year.

My first official visit was to Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury (my home Chapter), on April 16th. This was Past Principals' night and we conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree on two candidates. I had the honor of filling the office of First Principal. This was a very memorable occasion for me, as I was the First Principal of this Chapter when instituted.

Many companions from Calgary and Red Deer were in attendance, and short addresses were delivered by R. E. Companion Rounce, Grand Superintendent; R. E. Companion MacPherson, Grand Lecturer; and R. E. Companions Stephenson and Best.

On October 8th, I assisted the members of this Chapter in welcoming R. E. Companion Rounce on his official visit. The Grand Superintendent was accompanied by a number of companions from Calgary, amongst whom were R. E. Companions MacPherson and Portman. The Most Excellent Master degree was efficiently conferred by E. Companion Clarke.

On November 12th, at the request of the First Principal, I installed the officers of this Chapter, being assisted by V. E. Companions Hartman Brusso and McDougall. I gave a short address on the "Royal Arch degree," referring particularly to the manner in which this degree is conferred in other Grand Jurisdictions.

On December 10th, with R. E. Companion Follett, Grand Third Principal, and R. E. Companion Wentzel, Grand Scribe E., I accompanied M. E. Companion Morrison, Grand First Principal, on his official visit to Joseph Stauffer Chapter. An instructive address was given by the Grand First Principal.

On April 23rd I accompanied R. E. Companion Rounce, Grand Superintendent, on his official visit to Calgary Chapter, No. 11. At this convocation the Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred with dignity and efficiency. I gave a short address on the "History of Capitular Masonry in Alberta." A sumptuous banquet concluded the proceedings of the evening. Among the many attending were M. E. Companion Flan, Past Grand First Principal; R. E. Companion

MacPherson, Grand Lecturer; R. E. Companion Wentzel, Grand Scribe E., and R. E. Companion Black, Grand Treasurer.

With companions from Joseph Stauffer Chapter, I paid a fraternal visit to this Chapter on October 22nd. The officers of the visiting Chapter, under the able direction of E. Companion Clarke, conferred the Most Excellent Master degree almost faultlessly. A number of Grand Chapter officers and many companions from the other three Calgary Chapters attended. We were most heartily welcomed. At the banquet many questions of vital interest to Capitular Masonry were discussed.

On May 1st, I visited Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary, and witnessed the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch degree on seven candidates—one of the initiates being the son of R. E. Companion Comba, Past Grand Superintendent. The degree was conferred in a very efficient and pleasing manner by E. Companion Pearson, First Principal. M. E. Companion Flan, R. E. Companions Follett, Rounce, Mercer, Black, Carr and other Grand Chapter officers were present. This is one of the outstanding Chapters of the Province; the officers are energetic and a splendid spirit of harmony prevails. I gave a short address and, at the banquet, R. E. Companion Follett and I had the honor of replying to the toast of "The Grand Chapter of Alberta."

On May 12th, with several companions from Joseph Stauffer Chapter, I attended Alberta Chapter, No. 1, not only for the purpose of paying an official visit, but to assist in extending a welcome to the Grand First Principal. We were, however, greatly disappointed that M. E. Companion Morrison found it impossible to be present. No degrees were conferred. This is my "Mother Chapter" and I was pleased to have the opportunity of renewing old and forming new friendships. My remarks were mainly suggestions for bringing about increased activity and better attendance at Chapter meetings.

On October 28th, I accompanied R. E. Companion Rounce, Grand Superintendent; R. E. Companion MacPherson, Grand Lecturer; R. E. Companion Wentzel, Grand Scribe E., and a number of companions from the four Calgary Chapters on a fraternal visit to Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River. The Mark Master Mason degree was very capably conferred by R. E. Companion Casteel. I gave a brief address on "Craft Masonry." At the close of the meeting we were royally entertained.

On March 2nd, I paid an official visit to Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by E. Companion Donaldson in a very capable manner. Amongst the goodly attendance were several companions from Calgary Chapter, No. 11, and Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.

On November 20th, I attended a joint Chapter of Instruction of Districts Nos. 3 and 4, held in Calgary under the direction of Grand Superintendents Rounce and Portman. The Most Excellent Master degree was splendidly exemplified by Otuskwan Chapter. As a report of this very pleasing meeting will undoubtedly come from the Grand First Principal, who attended also, I will content myself with the remark that the Grand Superintendents are to be heartily congratulated on the marked success of the meeting.

I was particularly fortunate, last June, to have the privilege of attending a convocation of Minnesota Chapter No. 1, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the invitation of M. E. Companion Van Houston, Past Grand

High Priest. Introduced by E. Companion Eaton, High Priest of the Chapter, I was accorded a very warm reception, and took the liberty of extending the fraternal greetings of this Grand Chapter, which were heartily reciprocated. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred in an impressive and spectacular manner by Past High Priests of the Chapter on a class of ten candidates.

My visitations were considerably hampered because a number of Chapters failed to mail me copies of their summonses. I would therefore strongly urge that all Chapters be instructed to mail a copy of their summons to the three Grand Principals, the Grand Superintendent of the District in which the Chapter is located, Grand Scribes E. and N. Grand Principal Sojourner and Grand Lecturer.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the officers and companions of the various Chapters for the cordial welcome invariably given me. Everywhere I have been received with the respect due the office I represent, and have enjoyed the hearty good fellowship which the occasions provided. I feel that I would be remiss in my duty did I not grasp this opportunity of congratulating the officers and companions of the four Calgary Chapters on their splendid harmonious co-operation and on the many fraternal visits exchanged with city and country Chapters, with the beneficial result of increased attendance and interest. The officers of the Calgary Chapters are men of outstanding ability. Grand Superintendents Rounce and Portman also were indefatigable in their visitations.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. MCGHEE,
Grand Second Principal.

REPORT

of the

Grand Third Principal

Calgary, March 18th, 1931.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

During my year of office as Grand Third Principal I have had the honour and privilege of visiting all the Chapters in Calgary and near vicinity. I find that the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry is very much alive in these Chapters, and that there exists between the several Chapters a real Masonic fellowship which it would be difficult to find surpassed among any group of Masonic bodies.

Inter-Chapter visiting and assistance in conferring degrees have been outstanding characteristics of these Chapters during the past year.

On April 3rd, 1930, I visited Otuskwan, my own Chapter, and was accorded a hearty greeting by the companions. At this meeting the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by E. Companion Joseph J. Webster in a manner that not only reflected credit on himself and his Chapter but also on Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta.

On April 7th I visited Crescent Chapter on the occasion of an official visit by R. E. Companion Rounce. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Companion Green. A large number of companions were present, and the evening was very profitable to Royal Arch Masonry.

On April 10th, in company with several companions from Calgary, it was my privilege to attend a regular meeting of Strathmore Chapter. On this occasion R. E. Companion Travis was installed as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3 by M. E. Companion Flan, and immediately after the installation R. E. Companion Travis was received on his official visit. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Companion Taylor in a very acceptable manner. At this meeting I had the extreme pleasure of presenting to R. E. Companion Mercer a certificate of Life Membership from his companions in Otuskwan Chapter.

Calgary Chapter was visited on May 14th. This was a regular meeting, at which M. E. Companion Flan invested V. E. Companion Moncrieff as Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. E. Companion Hand as Grand Junior Sojourner, V. E. Companion Harris as Grand Pursuivant, and R. E. Companion Cooper as Grand Organist. At the banquet table, when each of these companions had responded to the toast to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, there was no doubt in the minds of any

member present as to the wisdom of the Grand First Principal in his appointments.

In company with a goodly number of Calgary Companions I had the good fortune to visit Banff Chapter on May 15th. This was their annual Past Principals' Night, the Holy Royal Arch degree being exemplified by E. Companion Watters very impressively. R. E. Companion Rounce paid his official visit.

On June 23rd, I attended an emergent convocation of Alberta Chapter, when the Holy Royal Arch degree was very creditably conferred by E. Companion (Dr.) Arthur T. Spankie. This Chapter is certainly doing good work in the cause of Capitular Masonry in this city.

I visited High River on September 23rd. A day or two previously there had been a heavy fall of snow, and the country roads were in such a bad condition that so few members were able to get to town that there were not enough present to form a meeting. So we held a round-table conference and discussed many matters relating to Golden West Chapter in particular and the Royal Craft in general. We had a very profitable evening, the companions being anxious to obtain as much light as possible for their future guidance.

A combined Chapter of Instruction was held in Calgary on November 20th by the Grand Superintendents of Districts 3 and 4. I had the good fortune to be present at this successful meeting, from which we all felt that much good would result to the Chapters in these districts.

On December 10th on the occasion of the official visit of M. E. Companion Morrison in company with Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companion Wentzel, I visited Joseph Stauffer Chapter at Didsbury. This was a unique occasion for this Chapter, as for the first time in its history the Grand First, Second and Third Principals and Grand Scribe E. were present at a regular meeting.

On December 12th I accompanied the Grand First Principal to Gleichen, a very hearty welcome being extended by the officers and members of the Chapter. The annual election of officers took place, and a very inspiring address was delivered by the Grand First Principal.

On January 5th, 1931, I was present at the annual installation of officers of Crescent Chapter, taking the office of Second Principal during the ceremony, which was conducted by M. E. Companion Flan in his usual efficient manner.

On January 12th I attended at the annual installation of the officers of Alberta Chapter. The ceremony was conducted by R. E. Companion Minchin with fitting dignity.

On January 14th, I took part in the joint installation of the officers of Otuskwan and Calgary Chapters. This work was efficiently done by M. E. Companion Flan. Again I had the privilege of acting as Second Principal during the ceremony, and at the banquet table responded to the toast to the Grand Chapter of Alberta in place of R. E. Companion McGhee who was unavoidably absent.

In addition to the foregoing, I have attended nearly every meeting of Otuskwan, my own Chapter, and on the occasion of Past Principals' night (December 18th) took the office of Third Principal. I was present at a social evening sponsored by the four Calgary Chapters on October 29th and also at a social function of Otuskwan

Chapter on the evening of February 14th, 1931. Both of these were well supported by the local companions, and I am sure did much to intensify that Masonic spirit which has at all times characterized Royal Arch Masonry in Calgary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH V. FOLLETT,
Grand Third Principal.

On motion of R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, seconded by R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Second and Grand Third Principals be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL M. E. COMPANION JAMES N. RANKIN

(M. E. Companion Rankin was Grand First Principal in 1915 and was our senior Past Grand First Principal).

M. E. Companion Morrison requested a committee, consisting of M. E. Companion Middleton and R. E. Companions McGhee and West, to call on M. E. Companion Rankin and extend the felicitations of Grand Chapter.

(Note M. E. Companion Rankin, although very frail, was able to appear in Grand Chapter on the second day of meeting. He has since passed to the Grand Chapter above.)

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

The Grand First Principal requested Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and those present, having been assembled before the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, were cordially and fraternally welcomed by M. E. Companion Morrison.

The greetings of the Grand Chapters represented were expressed by the respective Representatives.

Each was requested by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal to convey to his Grand Body the greetings and fraternal good wishes of this Grand Chapter. He suggested that each companion write a personal letter to the Grand First Principal, Grand High Priest, Grand Scribe E. or Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter represented, outlining the Proceedings of this Convocation and thus establish a line of contact and communication between them and ourselves.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

V. E. Comp. James MacDougall.....	Alabama
R. E. Comp. Frederick B. Cooper.....	Arizona
R. E. Comp. Oliver J. Cowin.....	Arkansas
R. E. Comp. Henry Sandilands.....	British Columbia
R. E. Comp. Mark B. Peacock.....	California
R. E. Comp. George A. Rounce.....	Colorado
R. E. Comp. Thomas Rankine.....	Connecticut
M. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison.....	District of Columbia
R. E. Comp. George E. Cruickshank.....	Florida
R. E. Comp. Robert C. Rankin.....	Illinois
R. E. Comp. Archibald West.....	Indiana..
M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin.....	Iowa
R. E. Comp. Charles H. Minchin.....	Ireland
R. E. Comp. Francis V. Truesdale.....	Kansas
R. E. Comp. William S. Cameron.....	Kentucky
M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood.....	Maine
R. E. Comp. George D. Wallace.....	Manitoba
R. E. Comp. William B. Way.....	Massachusetts
V. E. Comp. Arthur Robinson.....	Mississippi
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson.....	Missouri
R. E. Comp. James Cleave.....	Montana
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside.....	Nebraska
R. E. Comp. Frederick J. Summerill.....	New Hampshire
M. E. Comp. William T. Coote.....	New Jersey
R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel.....	New South Wales
R. E. Comp. John F. Casteel.....	North Carolina
R. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett.....	Oklahoma
R. E. Comp. James A. McGhee.....	Oregon
R. E. Comp. John H. W. S. Kemmis.....	Pennsylvania
R. E. Comp. Archibald B. McCurdy.....	Rhode Island
M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Middleton (Canon).....	Scotland
R. E. Comp. Harold W. B. Bell.....	South Dakota
R. E. Comp. John G. Odell.....	Texas
R. E. Comp. William C. Black.....	Utah
V. E. Comp. Frederick J. Hand.....	West Virginia

CORRESPONDENCE

Apologies for non-attendance from the following members of Grand Chapter, expressing their regrets and conveying their fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful convocation:—

Past Grand First Principals—

Letter from M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey that he would be present on the second day of the convocation.

Letter from M. E. Companion George B. McLeod that business in the courts prevented him from being present on the first day.

Letter from M. E. Companion John E. Johnson that he could not attend.

Telegram from M. E. Companion George B. McLeod that he would not be present during the convocation.

Telegram from M. E. Companion William McNab that it would be impossible for him to attend.

Greetings—

Telegram for M. E. Companion George F. Burgess, Past Grand First Principal of Saskatchewan and an Honourary Past Grand First Principal of Alberta.

Telegram from Companion Irving F. Stafford, Grand Representative for Alberta near the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the following Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters, communications—John W. Prescott, British Columbia; John M. Empey, Canada; Andrew J. Schattgen, Illinois; J. Edward Allen, North Carolina; W. J. Edwards, Quebec; George C. Scarborough, Virginia; Lawrence C. Kincheloe, West Virginia; Alex Frazier, Washington.

Acknowledgments of invitations to be our guests at this convocation:—

Grand Chapter of British Columbia: M. E. Companion E. P. Allen, unable to accept.

Grand Chapter of Canada: M. E. Companion Walter G. Price, made other arrangements for this date.

Grand Chapter of Manitoba: Telegram to say that R. E. Companion George Syme, Grand Scribe E., will represent M. E. Companion Stanley H. Fahrni, Grand First Principal.

Grand Chapter of North Dakota: M. E. Companion Arthur P. Guy, Grand High Priest, advises that the semi-annual term of court will be in session at the same time, and that it will be impossible for him to be with us. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, and General Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry, will be in the Southern States on business connected with that body.

Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan: Grand Scribe E. writes to say that M. E. Companion (His Honor Judge) H. M. P. de Roche will be with us.

Queensland—A letter asking for recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives in the name of the "Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland," the two former, the "Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland" and the "Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland," heretofore existing as separate bodies, having agreed and determined upon a full, perfect and perpetual union of and between them.

A letter from Companion Edward A. King of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, which accompanied a handsome book on "Masonic Chapter Pennies" presented to this Grand Chapter by E. Companions A. M. Hanauer and Edward A. King. Both the collection of pennies and the book were brought into being to stimulate interest in the work, so familiar to all Royal Arch Masons, which places the finality upon the beautiful allegory and symbolism of the three degrees of Craft Masonry.

From the Home for Aged Masons, Arlington, Texas, a letter and photograph showing the buildings and part of the grounds belonging to the Home for brothers who have arrived at old age and have no other home and no one to care for them.

Letters in acknowledgment of flowers sent to M. E. Companion Rankin and to R. E. Companion James A. McGhee and wife.

A letter from R. E. Companion Percy Cull, Grand Representative of Nevada near this Grand Chapter, conveying the greetings of the Grand Chapter of Nevada.

Christmas and New Year's Greetings received from—

The Grand Chapters of British Columbia, Canada, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania, Saskatchewan and Texas.

Grand Representatives of Indiana, North Dakota, Ohio, New York and South Carolina.

Chapters in this jurisdiction: Alberta Chapter, No. 1 (Arthur T. Spankie, Z.), Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, and Kether Chapter, No. 8.

M. E. Companion George F. Burgess, Saskatchewan.

Postcards and letters acknowledging receipt of Alberta Proceedings from—

The Grand Chapters of Delaware, England, G.L. of M.M.M., England, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New South Wales, New Zealand, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Grand Representatives in Mississippi, Virginia and Washington.

On motion of R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That the letters and Proceedings from the Grand Chapter of Queensland and the letter from New South Wales be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations.

The rest of the communications were ordered filed.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:20 o'clock p.m.

FIRST DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood and M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside were requested by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal to retire and introduce the Most Excellent Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and R. E. Companion George Syme, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, as the official representative of M. E. Companion Stanley H. Fahrni, Grand First Principal.

M. E. Companion Selwood: Most Excellent Sir, It is indeed a source of very great gratification to me to have the privilege this afternoon of introducing to you, and through you to the companions of this Grand Chapter, my friend of many years, His Honour Judge de Roche,

who is the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. He was a little unfortunate in that he did not arrive earlier in the morning to hear your oration, but he has had the privilege of meeting you before, in Saskatoon, and I am sure we are delighted to have him here representing the Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan. It is a great pleasure to me to meet him in Calgary and I am sure that all brethren will be delighted to meet him and to make his acquaintance.

M. E. Companion Ironside: Most Excellent Sir, I have the honour to present to you and to the companions of this Grand Chapter R. E. Companion George Syme, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, and a representative of that Grand Chapter on an official visit to this Grand Convocation. I might say that I believe that this is the first time that the Grand Chapter of Manitoba has been represented at a convocation of this Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion Morrison: M. E. Companion de Roche and R. E. Companion Syme, I am indeed greatly pleased to welcome you here on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. I hope that it will be an inspiration to us to have you with us and that you will carry away something that will be of benefit and advantage to your respective Grand Chapters.

I had the privilege of meeting His Honor Judge de Roche at the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and I am pleased indeed that he has taken occasion to pay us this visit. I am sure we appreciate it very much.

It is indeed a pleasure to us to receive the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. I met your Grand First Principal at Saskatoon not long ago and gave him an invitation to be with us on this occasion. I have since had a letter from him in which he expressed his regrets at his inability to attend, but he assured me a representative of your Grand Chapter would visit us.

We are delighted therefore to have you both with us and I trust that your visit will be one of profit and pleasure to us all. We are all desirous to have most cordial and harmonious relations between this Grand Chapter and the other Grand Jurisdictions in the Provinces of Canada. I would ask you, to convey the fraternal greetings and best wishes of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Chapters you represent.

After the Grand Honors you will be escorted to seats in the East.

The Grand Honors were then accorded these distinguished visitors.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT IMMEDIATE PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL M. E. COMPANION JAMES R. FLAN

R. E. Companions McCurdy, Craig and Carr were appointed a committee by the Grand First Principal to visit M. E. Companion Flan and extend the best wishes of Grand Chapter for his speedy recovery from his illness.

HOOR SET FOR ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

On motion of R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, seconded by V. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand, it was

RESOLVED, That the election of officers for the ensuing Grand Chapter year take place at 10:30 o'clock a.m., March 19th, 1931.

Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have much pleasure in submitting for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1.

North Star Chapter, No. 2.—I made my first official visit to this my own Chapter on April 8th, accompanied by other Grand Chapter officers. This was the most notable convocation of the year, as the Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most impressive manner by Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers of the above Chapter, with R. E. Companion Archibald West, First Principal; R. E. Companion George W. Elliott, Second Principal; V. E. Companion William Baxter, Third Principal; M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, and others. Altogether a splendid meeting and one long to be remembered by the companions who were able to attend.

It was my privilege and honor to install the officers for the year 1931 on Tuesday, December 9th, assisted by other Grand Chapter officers.

On January 13th I accompanied M. E. Companion Morrison, Grand First Principal, on his official visit. He gave a very interesting address on Royal Arch Masonry, that was much appreciated by the companions.

I have attended nearly all the meetings of this Chapter during the year, and am pleased to say that during this period it has progressed materially, the best of harmony prevailing. I especially wish to congratulate the Chapter on the condition of the books, so ably kept by Companion Leslie H. Reilly, Scribe E.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.—I journeyed to Wetaskiwin on May 22nd, accompanied by several automobiles filled with companions from the four city Chapters of Edmonton. We were received and entertained in a most kindly manner by the Mount Horeb companions. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in a very able manner by V. E. Companion Wynn, assisted by other Past Principals, this being "Past Principals' Night." This Chapter is making progress, has a splendid room in which to meet, enthusiastic officers, books well kept; altogether a good outlook for Capitular Masonry in that part of the district.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.—Accompanied by R. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill, Grand Superintendent of District No. 6, I officially visited Vermilion Chapter on February 10th. We were met on arrival by M. E. Companion Morrison and E. Companion (Dr.) Bell, who left nothing undone to make us comfortable until Chapter opened.

With M. E. Companion Morrison and R. E. Companion Norton, I was heartily received and welcomed by the officers and companions of the Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch degree was faultlessly exemplified by E. Companion (Dr.) Bell, First Principal, and his officers.

This is the home Chapter of our Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Morrison, and he may be justly proud of the part he has personally played in bringing this Chapter to its present position and Province-wide reputation. A very pleasant hour was spent around the banquet table.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam.—On May the 21st, I officially visited Mount Olivet Chapter, and was royally welcomed and entertained by the companions. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred on one candidate by E. Companion E. Grandage, Second Principal, assisted by the regular officers, in a very praiseworthy manner. I feel that too much credit cannot be given to the officers of this Chapter. Many of them have miles to travel to get to a meeting and it is difficult to get the required rehearsals.

I noticed from the register that attendance was improving. Books are in good condition and neatly kept by Companion Charles R. Nash, Scribe E. This Chapter is certainly going ahead as well as circumstances will permit.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25.—I had the pleasure of officially visiting this Chapter on May 16th and accompanying me were M. E. Companion Downey and R. E. Companions Summerill and Elliott. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred on one candidate by E. Companion O. J. Barker, Second Principal, and the regular officers, in a perfect manner.

It has been my privilege to attend nearly all the meetings of this Chapter through the year, including the installation of the officers, conducted by R. E. Companion Sandilands.

Although the youngest Chapter in the District, the high standard of efficiency and enthusiasm of its officers and the attendance of members are noteworthy. The books are splendidly kept by V. E. Companion Frank Booth, Scribe E.

Chapter of Instruction.—A joint Chapter of Instruction of Districts 1 and 6 was held in Acacia Masonic Hall, Edmonton South, on November 21st, A.D. 1930, A.I. 2460, at 8 o'clock p.m. Chapter being opened by officers of Capital City Chapter, R. E. Companion Thompson introduced R. E. Companions McCurdy and Summerill, Grand Superintendents of Districts 1 and 6 respectively. R. E. Companion McCurdy then took charge of the meeting, and asked E. Companion (Dr.) Bell to retire and introduce M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, Grand First Principal, who was accompanied by a large number of Grand Chapter officers, Past and Present. The meeting was thereupon thrown open for questions, and a great number were asked in all three degrees, and ably answered by R. E. Companion MacPherson, Grand Lecturer, to whom is due in large measure the success of the meeting.

M. E. Companion Morrison gave an interesting address on Capitular Masonry which was much appreciated.

There was a good representation of companions from nearly all the Chapters in the two Districts and expressions of pleasure were general.

I have pleasure in stating that all the Chapters in District No. 1 are making progress. The dues outstanding are somewhat heavier than usual, but this, I believe to be attributable to the times, and will be remedied soon.

I wish to record my appreciation of the way the four city Chapters are working together. Since the division into two Districts, there has been an increased interchanging of visits, closer harmony, and better understanding between the companions. This is very gratifying.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the companions of the district for the high honor they conferred on me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent. I also desire to express my gratitude to the Grand Chapter Officers for their able assistance on many occasions. That my work has been a pleasure is due to the hearty co-operation and hospitality I have received from the companions of the several Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

ARCHIBALD B. McCURDY,

Grand Superintendent District No. 1.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 1930

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to draw from
North Star.....	2	Edmonton.....	10	0	32	\$4.00	2	2	2	40	Nil	\$800.00	\$750.00	\$490.00	\$600.00	Nil	fair	c
Mount Horeb.....	6	Wetaskiwin	9	0	15	\$3.00	2	2	2	7	Nil	636.27	300.00	111.00	480.00	20.00	good	3
Vermilion.....	14	Vermilion.....	11	1	15	\$5.00	3	2	2	40	60.00	300.00	500.00	395.00	300.00	Nil	fair	3
Mount Olivet.....	17	Killam.....	6	1	15	\$5.00	0	1	1	50	48.75	30.00	500.00	460.00	500.00	Nil	fair	12
Strathcona.....	25	Edmonton.....	10	5	18	\$5.00	2	2	2	23	123.50	84.50	1,000.00	210.00	1,000.00		fair	C

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 2

Hanna, Alberta, January 25th, 1931.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I respectfully beg to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2.

On July 14th, accompanied by some of the Hanna companions, I visited Hiram Chapter, No. 19. R. E. Companion Cameron, of Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, with a number of companions, also paid a fraternal visit. It being their Installation of Officers night, R. E. Companion Cameron took charge of the ceremony and duly installed the officers in his usual efficient manner. R. E. Companion Cowin was again installed as First Principal, and I felt sure that under his guidance this Chapter would prosper.

On September 18th, I visited Coronation Chapter, No. 23, and M. E. Companion Morrison was also present. Although there was no work, the attendance was very good. The companions appeared very enthusiastic, and some of them had driven considerable distances to be present.

On September 19th, I accompanied the Grand First Principal on his official visit to Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in the exemplary manner for which this Chapter is noted.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28 is my home Chapter, and I attended most of the sixteen meetings held during the year, being officially received by them at their meeting on May 18th.

On November 17th, I accompanied M. E. Companion Morrison on his official visit to Hiram Chapter, No. 19. The Holy Royal Arch degree was efficiently conferred by R. E. Companion Cowin and his officers.

November 18th was the date of our Chapter of Instruction at Hanna. All the Chapters were well represented with the exception of Coronation, No. 23, whose failure to attend was due to a last-minute hitch in their arrangements. The Grand First Principal and R. E. Companion MacPherson, Grand Lecturer, were present and both gave very instructive talks. Many questions relative to the work were asked and the secret work of each degree, as well as the floor work, was thoroughly explained by the Grand Lecturer. I truly believe that this meeting was beneficial and instructive. The evening was fittingly brought to a close by a banquet at the National Hotel under the guidance of the manager, Companion Fearnough.

The old trouble of poor attendance seems to be paramount; and lack of attendance means lack of interest.

The present trying and adverse conditions tend towards a greater latitude with arrears of dues.

These two issues are not by any means local, but each Chapter can rectify them to a certain extent. I am of the opinion that the

companions would show more interest if some of the meetings were devoted to instructive, educational talks by companions well skilled in the work and fundamentals of Capitular Masonry. As to arrears of dues I am not a believer in drastic action, but consider that each case should be decided on its merits.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to the various Hanna companions who accompanied me on my visits and to the Chapters of District No. 2 who invariably accorded me a royal welcome.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN G. ODELL,

Grand Superintendent District No. 2.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1930

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held.	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to draw from
Hiram	19	Youngstown	3	5	14	\$4.00	3	3	3	26	Nil	\$2500.00	\$350.00	\$417.00	\$300.00	Nil	good	4
Coronation	23	Coronation	6	1	16	\$6.00	0	0	0		\$160.00	646.09	450.00	444.00	450.00	Nil	fair	4
Ebeye	27	Drumbeller	10	2	25	\$5.00	3	1	1	19	240.40	74.46	446.80	120.00	700.00			4
Hanna	28	Hanna	7	7	17	\$10.00	8	8	8	28	75.00		700.00	370.00	500.00			4

DISTRICT No. 3

Calgary, February 8th, 1931.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith give an account of my stewardship as Grand Superintendent and your representative in District No. 3.

The year has gone all too soon, and regret that more has not been accomplished is natural. My work has been made pleasant by the co-operation of many companions, and the splendid receptions when visiting in your name. One has been assisted and able to assist in many ways at the several Chapters visited; counsel and advice have been given, with one object in view, that of re-enthusing or stimulating the companions to fresh endeavour.

I have gone over the District thoroughly, paying two, three and four visits to the various Chapters, except Keystone at Red Deer, which I had the pleasure of visiting once only. In completing my work I travelled about eleven hundred miles, exclusive of my own Chapter attendance and visits to the local Chapters in Calgary not in my District.

My first official visit was to Crescent Chapter, No. 24. The work of the evening, conducted by E. Companion William H. Green and his officers, deserves high praise. The work of Scribe E. and the support of Past Principals and members deserve mention.

My first official visit to Calgary Chapter No. 11, was a happy one. An old comrade was First Principal, and I was pleased indeed to meet E. Companion Gladstone R. Haines on this occasion. The work of the evening was particularly good, from the Veils up; every officer did his part in a quiet dignified manner. Companion Percy Stead was a real Sojourner indeed, and deserved special mention, as did also E. Companion Haines. An evening to be remembered by all.

My visits to Didsbury were pleasant but somewhat arduous, as we had to buck snow-drifts and encounter thick mists on several visits. I very much regret to report that Joseph Stauffer Chapter of late has not been up to its enthusiastic standard of former years. The old stand-bys have found the going hard, but have stood nobly to their task. They will receive their reward. There are members who need to re-catch the vision of service and duty. I am optimistic, however, for the future and an early come-back appears probable.

My first of two visits to Banff Chapter will be remembered by myself and others for many a day. About forty companions made the trip by bus and car. This was a kindly act by the companions, not only of District No. 3, but many of Otuskwan Chapter in District No. 4 and others. This, Most Excellent Sir, was a real demonstration of loyalty to Grand Chapter, and a courtesy to myself. The Excellent First Principal of Banff Chapter fully appreciated the compliment, also the companions of the craft. We were well repaid however, for it was Past Principals' night, and the way the old timers conferred the Holy

Royal Arch degree was amazingly impressive. Long may these old stalwarts be spared to us, and enjoy the best that life holds for them.

My series of visits to Golden West Chapter were also made very pleasant by the courtesy of Calgary companions. This undoubtedly has had a beneficial effect on the High River companions. I am sorry that the Chapter which was a splendid one in past years, is now passing through a difficult period and needs help and counsel. The material is there, the old officers are there (sometimes), but the wheels do not seem to mesh properly. There is a lack of co-ordination; the pulling is not always in the same direction. I trust this will be looked into so that the old enthusiasm and application will soon be re-born.

Keystone Chapter is going to look up again. This is my prophecy for 1931. Things look bright for them; the officers for the year are capable and full of enthusiasm. The desire to do their best is apparent. They are fortunate indeed to have the assistance of such sterling men as R. E. Companions Stephenson and Best. With this assistance I believe steady progress will be made.

Chapter of Instruction.—The Annual Chapter of Instruction held jointly between Districts 3 and 4 was, by all reports, a very successful one. Calgary Chapter opened and closed the convocation, while Otuskwan Chapter conferred the Most Excellent Master degree. This work received great praise from all present, and justly so. It was splendidly done. E. Companion Pearson and his officers were in real earnest, and impressed all present by their effort. The question period was instructive and many doubtful points were cleared up. A desire for uniformity and advancement was shown.

The address of the Grand First Principal was of a very high standard, and showed him to be a deep thinker, very practical and sincerely anxious for progress along the right lines.

Scribes E.—The District is fortunate in having such good companions for Scribes E. of the various Chapters. The books are well kept, and the work well in hand.

Appreciation.—I cannot close this report without again expressing my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown by the companions everywhere. Many have assisted, especially some of the companions of Otuskwan Chapter, though not in my district, showing the true spirit. To the companions of the Orchestra who supplied music on many occasions I wish to say "Thank you." Also to those who used their cars so willingly, E. Companion William H. Green who was ever on hand, Grand Scribe E., Grand Lecturer and many others. This spirit is eloquent for the future well being, and I trust my successor in office will receive similar support.

In conclusion, I would say:

To serve in all humility,
To lift a brother nearer Thee,
To kindly think, and nobly act,
God give me strength to labour.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. ROUNCE,

Grand Superintendent District No. 3.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 1930

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to draw from
Golden West.....	5	High River.....	7	0	13	\$5.00	3	0	0	24	\$187.50	\$983.88	\$350.85	\$531.50	\$600.00	Nil	good	5
Calgary.....	11	Calgary.....	10	3	37	\$4.00	2	4	4	23	Nil	546.51	465.00	119.50	600.00		fair	C
Keystone.....	12	Red Deer.....	9	0		\$4.00	0	0	0	46	102.15	1,491.85	235.73	291.50	750.00	25.00		8
Banff.....	20	Banff.....	8	2	22	\$5.00	4	4	4	10	Nil	1,532.04	500.00	75.00	250.00	84.40	good	1
Joseph Stauffer ..	22	Didsbury ..	9	0	17	\$5.00	1	3	3	25	Nil	547.00	500.00	330.00	500.00	Nil	fair	7
Crescent.....	24	Calgary.....	9	0	31	\$4.00	1	2	2	17	Nil		800.00	88.00	800.00		fair	C

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Calgary, Alberta, March 7th, 1931.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

On June 29th, 1930, the companions of District No. 4 were shocked to hear of the demise of their Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion George H. Travis. The sympathy of all, from the Grand Chapter Officers down to the youngest companion, went out to the bereaved members of the family.

During the brief period between his installation and his death, he made one official visit—to Strathmore Chapter, No. 26, on April 10th, 1930.

He made an early start in his duties which indicated that he would have done good work for Capitular Masonry in District No. 4 in particular, and for the Grand Chapter of Alberta in general.

The duties of Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 thereupon devolved upon myself and I herewith submit my report for your approval.

In the discharge of these duties I had the pleasure of visiting each Chapter officially on the dates following:

Alberta, No. 1, October 13th, 1930.
Strathmore, No. 21, November 13th, 1930.
Otuskwan, No. 9, December 18th, 1930.
Alberta, No. 1, December 22nd, 1930.
Bow Valley, No. 10, January, 13th, 1931.
Harmony, No. 26, January, 28th, 1931.

In addition to these I paid several unofficial visits; one to Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, accompanying M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison on his official visit.

Business being disposed of, the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by E. Companion Pinkerton and his officers in a very capable and intelligent manner, after which M. E. Companion Morrison gave an inspiring and instructive address which was very much appreciated by the officers and companions.

On my official visit to this Chapter I witnessed the conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree by E. Companion Perry and his officers, assisted by E. Companion W. Pearson of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.

I inspected the books with R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, Scribe E., and found them in first-class condition. The Chapter is in fairly good financial circumstances considering the reverse they received by fire a few years ago.

On my visits to Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Alberta Chapter, No. 1, I had the pleasure of witnessing the several degrees being conferred.

Banff Chapter, No. 20, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a most creditable manner during their fraternal visit to Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. E. Companion T. Valentine, assisted by other E. Companions of Otuskwan Chapter, conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree.

E. Companions of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, A. T. Spankie, C. Scaife, Alex Morris and their officers, conferred the Holy Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master and Mark Master Mason degrees respectively. The high standard of efficiency shown by these Chapters must have implanted firmly and deeply in the hearts of the candidates the great moral precepts and truths contained in the lessons we teach.

On one of these visits, to Alberta Chapter No. 1, R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin delivered a lecture on the Passion Play at Oberammergau.

On my official visits to Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, and Harmony Chapter, No. 26, I had the honor and pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year, and had the very able assistance of R. E. Companion F. B. Cooper, who performed the duties of Director of Ceremonies at Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, and R. E. Companion O. C. Craig, in a similar capacity at Harmony Chapter, No. 26.

On November 20th, 1930, a joint Chapter of Instruction of Districts Nos. 3 and 4 was held in the Masonic Temple, Twelfth Avenue West, Calgary. The opening ceremonies were conducted by officers of Calgary Chapter, No. 11. Representatives of most of the Chapters of both districts were present.

Grand Chapter was well represented by present and past officers, including M. E. Companions E. G. Ironside, F. S. Selwood and J. R. Flan.

Following the reception of the District Superintendents, R. E. Companion George Rounce assumed the Sceptre and took charge of the meeting. He requested R. E. Companion W. E. Mercer and E. Companion A. Davidson to retire and introduce M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, the Grand First Principal, and his officers, who were cordially received and accorded Grand Chapter Honors.

Chapter was then called off and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened by Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. E. Companion W. Pearson and his officers next conferred the Most Excellent Master degree in a very intelligent and instructive way, and I feel sure that the Chapters of Districts 3 and 4 will profit by its exemplification. The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then closed and the Chapter called on again, when questions were asked pertaining to the Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and the Holy Royal Arch degrees. These were ably and intelligently answered by R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, Grand Lecturer.

Following this, the Grand First Principal gave an address on uniformity of procedure in all Chapters, and the Ritual and what it stands for.

Chapter was closed by E. Companion G. R. Haines and officers of Calgary Chapter, No. 11.

Capitular Masonry in District No. 4 is in a healthy condition. Chapters are all active (some of course more so than others), Bow

Valley Chapter being the least active due to the fact that they have only one Craft Lodge to draw from. Owing to this, this Chapter, in my opinion, is placed at a disadvantage, and it is very difficult to keep enthusiasm at a high standard and attendance where it should be. The members however are fighting bravely against odds and deserve high commendation for it.

It might be to the interest of all concerned that this section of District No. 4 receive the attention of Grand Chapter.

On my several visits I found the officers able and well fitted for their positions, and the degree work I witnessed was in most cases excellent. The books were kept in a satisfactory manner and the attendance was good.

Here I would like to utter a word of thanks to several companions of my own Chapter, Alberta, No. 1, for their good-will and assistance; and also to mention that some of the officers and companions of Otuskwaw Chapter have shown the true Royal Arch spirit by giving me whole-hearted support.

In closing, I would extend to the companions of District No. 4 my sincere thanks and appreciation for their co-operation and for making my visits both pleasant and enjoyable.

Faternally submitted,

ALBERT E. PORTMAN,
Acting Grand Superintendent District No. 4

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 1930.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to draw from
Alberta.....	1	Calgary ..	10	9	37	\$6.00	15	15	16	72	480.00	2,508.43	\$503.03	\$562.00	1,400.00	245.00	good	C
Otuskwan.....	9	Calgary ..	10	5	44	\$5.00	11	11	11	32	192.00	1,196.88	520.52	165.00	500.00	50.00	good	C
Bow Valley.....	10	Gleichen.....	6	0	12	\$4.00	1	1	0	24	Nil	1 580.07	430.00	239.00	375.00	10.25	fair	2
Strathmore	21	Strathmore.....	9	1	26	\$5.00	5	6	5	27	22.00		900.00	260.00	600.00		serious	4
Harmony.....	26	Bassano	10	2	21	\$6.00	8	8	8	7	26.00	779.31	1,000.00	187.50	800.00		good	3

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Frank, Alberta, February 25th, 1931.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a report of my activities as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5.

During my term of office I have made an official visit to each Chapter in the district on the night of their regular convocation and whenever possible I have visited Chapters on other occasions. Although I did not have the opportunity of witnessing degree work, I was well satisfied with the manner in which the Chapters disposed of the business before them and the great interest taken by the companions in the work and discussions on Royal Arch Masonry. Some of the Chapters have had a fair amount of work during the year, which is gratifying considering the prevailing depression.

I visited Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, on February 19th, 1931. A report of the committee on applications was received and balloted on, and the newly installed officers demonstrated their knowledge of government by conducting the affairs of the Chapter very capably. The attendance was good. Chapter being closed, a very pleasant and social time was spent at bridge and a delightful lunch.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, was visited on December 10th, 1930. This being the date of their election of officers, the business of the Chapter was efficiently conducted and an excellent slate of officers chosen for 1931. A good attendance showed the interest taken by the companions in the welfare of their Chapter. The retiring First Principal gave an interesting review of the work during his term of office, whereupon followed a lunch and addresses from companions—M. E. Companion Norman T. Macleod contributing.

On November 5th I paid an official visit to Bekah Chapter, No. 7. In the absence of degree work, we were treated to a very interesting and instructive address on Grand Chapter and Masonic instruction by M. E. Companion Middleton. Considerable interest was shown by the companions in their Chapter and in Capitular Masonry. A special convocation of the Chapter was held on January 19th for the installation of officers, the ceremony being pleasantly conducted by R. E. Companion T. J. Cumberland assisted by V. E. Companion (Dr.) Walkey. The Chapter was honored on this occasion by a visit from the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Morrison, who gave a very interesting and instructive address on Royal Arch Masonry. Lunch concluded a profitable evening.

My official visit to Kether Chapter, No. 8, was on their regular convocation, October 23rd, 1930. Again there were no degrees to be conferred, but arrangements were completed for the holding of the Chapter of Instruction. I appreciate the assistance given by this Chapter in that connection by their method of handling and financing. The interest of the companions was evident, and the conduct of the business shows that the officers have been well trained. At a convocation held on January 15th, I again witnessed the beautiful work of

R. E. Companion Cumberland and V. E. Companion Walkey in the installation of officers of their own Chapter.

My home Chapter, Hillvue, No. 15, was visited on December 16th, 1930. The election of officers was held and a good selection was made for the coming year. At the January convocation I had the honor of receiving the Grand First Principal on his official visit; his very fine address on Masonry and the Holy Royal Arch degree was enjoyed by all.

My official visit to Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, was on their regular convocation of February 10th, 1931. As in previous visits there was no degree work, but there was a good attendance and interest was shown by the companions in the work of the Chapter and methods discussed for the benefiting of Royal Arch Masonry. R. E. Companion Harry O. Haslam made a few remarks of Masonic interest.

The District Chapter of Instruction was held on November 19th, at Pincher Creek, with the officers of Kether Chapter, No. 8, presiding in the opening. Being storm-bound two miles from the Chapter room I did not arrive until the convocation was over. R. E. Companion Arthur G. Finch, of Assiniboia Chapter, discharged my duties until I arrived. The Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Morrison, provided food for thought in his splendid address on Royal Arch Masonry. R. E. Companion MacPherson, Grand Lecturer, gave a very instructive lecture on the Most Excellent Master degree. M. E. Companion Middleton and R. E. Companion Haslam, who were to have given addresses, along with other companions were held back by the storm. Those present, profited by their attendance. They were few, but the weather was responsible. A bountiful table was provided by the Eastern Star ladies of Pincher Creek, and all declared it a perfect banquet. The customary Toasts were given.

From my observations during my frequent visits in this district, I am convinced that our ritualistic work is uniformly of a high order, and that Companionship, Unity and Zeal abound. The Chapters are making favorable progress and the financial standing of each is good, considering the times and conditions. The officers of each Chapter have their work well in hand and the interests of Royal Arch Masonry at heart.

I wish to thank every Chapter in my district for courteously receiving my suggestions or remarks, and the Scribes E. for the prompt manner in which their notices were issued. It is impossible to try and describe the many courtesies I received as a representative of the Grand First Principal from the Chapters and companions of the district.

To my successor I wish every success, and trust he will succeed where I have failed.

In closing, I would thank the companions of District No. 5 for electing me to this high office. I trust that in some way I have measured up to the Grand Chapter standard and hope that I have been of some assistance.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT E. DONKIN,

Grand Superintendent District No. 5.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR 1930

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to draw from
Assiniboia	3	Medicine Hat	9	0	25	\$5.00	1	1	1	33	Nil	\$3,376.91	\$250.20	\$170.00	\$800.00	\$100.00	good	6
Shekinah	4	Lethbridge	10	4	30	\$5.00	10	7	7	72	Nil	1,821.53	342.85	385.00	700.00	50.00	fair	10
Bekah	7	Macleod	9	0	17	\$5.00	2	3	2	21	145.60	184.50	600.00	202.50	500.00	Nil	fair	3
Kether	8	Pincher Creek	12	0	14	\$5.00	1	1	1	20	Nil		400.00	172.50	300.00	15.00		2
Hillvue	15	Hillcrest	6	1	14	\$6.00	1	0	0	12	Nil	1,000.00	1,200.00	120.00	1,000.00	50.00		3
Tau Cross	16	Clareholm	4	0	10	\$4.20	0	0	0	17	Nil	195.00	300.00	107.45	Nil	Nil		3

DISTRICT No. 6.

Edmonton, Alberta, February 2nd, 1931.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg to submit for your approval a report of my activities as Grand Superintendent of District No. 6.

March 28th, 1930.—Capital City Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very efficient manner by E. Companion Kenneth Fraser and his officers. Attendance very good.

April 17th, 1930.—Norwood Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred by Past Principals. Attendance good.

April 25th, 1930.—Capital City Chapter. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred. Work good, attendance good.

May 23rd, 1930.—Capital City Chapter. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred. Work good, attendance good.

June 13th, 1930.—David Thompson Chapter. I had the pleasure of accompanying M. E. Companion Morrison to Jasper on the occasion of the Consecration and Installation of Officers of David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, R. E. Companion Sandilands being the installing officer. We also had the assistance of R. E. Companion Fielding, V. E. Companion Long, of Vermilion, and V. E. Companion Plasteras and Companion Sharp, of Edmonton; all of whom I wish to thank for so kindly staying over from the Grand Lodge meeting to give us their assistance.

June 14th, 1930.—Edson Chapter. In company with M. E. Companion Morrison I proceeded to Edson where we were met by a number of companions from Edmonton, who came to assist us in the Consecration and Installation of the officers of Edson Chapter. To me fell the pleasant duty of being the Installing Officer. I wish to thank the Edmonton companions for their assistance and also the companions of Edson and Jasper for the most enjoyable time we spent with them.

June 19th, 1930.—Norwood Chapter. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred. The work and attendance were both good.

June 27th, 1930.—Capital City Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred. M. E. Grand First Principal Companion Morrison was with us and gave a very inspiring address on Masonry. Attendance very good.

September 18th, 1930.—Norwood Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred. The attendance was fair.

September 26th, 1930.—Capital City Chapter. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred. The attendance was fair.

October 3rd, 1930.—Strathcona Chapter. R. E. Companion Sandilands on this occasion installed Companion Shaw as Second

Principal of David Thompson Chapter, Jasper, as the latter was unable to be present at the Installation of Officers at Jasper in June.

October 24th, 1930.—Capital City Chapter. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred. Attendance good.

November 21st, 1930.—Chapter of Instruction. A joint Chapter of Instruction of Districts No. 1 and 6 was held in Strathcona Chapter. The Chapter was opened by officers of Capital City Chapter, No. 13, when the District Superintendents were received with Grand Honors. R. E. Companion McCurdy, Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, then took charge of the meeting and received M. E. Companion Morrison and other Grand Chapter Officers with customary honors.

The meeting was given over to questions concerning the various degrees. These questions were effectively answered by R. E. Companion MacPherson, Grand Lecturer, who was highly commended by the companions present. The meeting was well attended but unfortunately David Thompson and Edson Chapters were not represented. After the close of the meeting we retired to the banquet hall where the Grand First Principal gave a most inspiring address that was greatly appreciated by all.

This meeting was a great success and was carried out without any expense to the Chapters of the District.

January 9th, 1931.—Joint Installation. A joint Installation of Officers of Capital City Chapter No. 13, and Norwood Chapter, No. 18, was held in the Masonic Hall, 102nd Street, Edmonton, and the Grand First Principal made an official visit. I had the pleasure of installing the officers. There was a good attendance, all the city Chapters being represented.

January 13th, 1931.—Edson Chapter. With the officers of Capital City Chapter and E. Companion George Blyth, of Norwood Chapter, I went to Edson and installed the officers of Edson Chapter, No. 30. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred by officers of Capital City Chapter. The attendance was very good. This Chapter has a very fine set of officers, efficient in their work, and optimistic for the future.

January 15th, 1931.—Jasper Chapter. In company with R. E. Companion Archibald West, Grand Principal Sojourner, and E. Companion W. Hill, I went to Jasper and installed the officers of David Thompson Chapter. Unfortunately Companion H. Hobbins, Third Principal elect, was sick and therefore not present to be installed. This Chapter should certainly prosper as they have a very able set of officers (all three Principals being Past Masters of the Craft Lodge) who take a great interest in their work. This meeting was fairly well attended.

After the installation ceremony the officers exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree in a very able manner. The companions who accompanied me to Edson and Jasper spent a most enjoyable time with the other companions present.

In conclusion, I would like to say that the Chapters in this District have good officers, who take great interest in their work.

I examined the books and found them in good order. The Historical Records are well written up.

I take this opportunity of thanking the companions of District No. 6 for the honor they conferred on me in electing me Grand Superintendent and sincerely appreciate the courtesy and good-fellowship shown me on all my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK J. SUMMERILL,
Grand Superintendent District No. 6.

On motion of R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, That the reports of the Grand Superintendents be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 6 FOR THE YEAR 1930

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. Lodges to draw from
Capital City	13	Edmonton	10	9	30	\$5.00	4	4	5	112	Nil	\$1,822.23	\$570.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$17.00	good	C
Norwood	18	Edmonton	10	5	13	\$5.00	1	2	2	22	Nil		600.00	353.00	600.00	Nil	fair	C
David Thompson 23 Jasper			7	1		\$6.00	1	1	2	6	Nil	112.65	722.91	44.10	Nil	Nil		1
Edson	30	Edson	9	2	14	\$5.00	1	3	3	Nil	128.86	9.46	410.00	Nil	400.00		good	1
						\$3.00												

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

This is my sixth Annual Report as Grand Scribe E. and covers the period of our Masonic year ending February 28th, 1931. In presenting this I regret that I have to record a slight decrease in membership, with a consequent decrease in revenue, which will necessitate caution in our expenditures for the current year.

The regular routine work of this office has been carried out as usual, although the volume was larger than in former years, partly occasioned by the revision of the constitution—the office work in connection with which has but just begun.

The stock on hand of the constituent Chapters' various "return" forms being almost exhausted, I undertook to combine these many forms into one booklet taking up less filing space, and being of great convenience for facilitating clerical work and mailing. I have received no complaints regarding these from any of the Scribes E., but, on the contrary, many have commented favourably. In practically every case the returns have been filled out correctly, from which I assume that no difficulty has been experienced in the use of the new form.

After consultation with several members of the Executive Committee the decision was reached that our property was under-insured, so there was placed an additional \$1,000.00 on the Office Furniture, Books and Supplies, and \$600.00 on the Library of Foreign Proceedings, at the present time being housed in the offices of the Albertan Job Press, Limited.

The reports of the various Office Bearers and Committees will be found under their several headings, and speak for themselves.

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, seconded by E. Companion Samuel H. McCracken, it was

RESOLVED, That Grand Scribe E. read from his report only the Balance Sheet as appears on page six. The Grand Treasurer's and Auditor's Report, balance of reports to be taken as read and the full report referred to Committee on Audit and Finance.

Statement of Membership

Number of Regular Chapters.....	30	
Number of Members, December 31st, 1929.....		2,837
Increase		
Admissions to December 31st, 1930.....	96	
Affiliations to December 31st, 1930.....	25	
Restorations to December 31st, 1930.....	2	
	123	
Decrease		
Demitted to December 31st, 1930.....	68	
Suspensions to December 31st, 1930.....	53	
Deaths to December 31st, 1930.....	26	
	147	
Net Decrease for year 1930.....		24
Number on Roll December 31st, 1930.....		2,813

Cash Statements

BENEVOLENT FUND

Cash in Bank, February 28th, 1930.....	\$1,721.33	
Collected in 1930.....	669.50	
Cheque—Savings Certificates purchased....		\$1,000.00
Surplus in General Fund.....		1,390.83
	\$2,390.83	\$2,390.83

GENERAL FUND

Cash on hand, February 28th, 1930.....	\$ 3.25	
Cash Received from Chapters in 1930.....	3,248.20	
Interest on Savings Certificates.....	195.98	
Paid to Grand Treasurer (see Treasurer's Statement).....		\$3,447.43
	\$3,447.43	\$3,447.43

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Grand Officers' Regalia, less depreciation..	\$ 819.49
Office Furniture, Books, etc., less depreciation..	342.43
Certificate Stone and Cuts.....	59.20
Supplies for re-sale.....	833.43
Stationery and Printing.....	239.52
Library.....	66.12
	\$2,360.19

LEDGER BALANCES

Amounts due from Chapters Feb. 28, 1930 ..	\$ 209.72	
Credits to Chapters, Feb. 28, 1930.....	\$129.75	
Credit to Chapter, 1930 Balance Sheet.....	5.00	
	<u>\$ 134.75</u>	
		<u>\$ 74.97</u>

ITEMIZED REVENUE FROM SALES TO CHAPTERS

Annual Dues, per capita	\$1,339.00	
Annual Dues, Benevolent Fund.....	669.50	
Certificates, Past Principals and others.....	16.00	
Dispensations.....	32.00	
Registrations and Royal Arch Certificates.....	294.00	
Registering of Affiliations.....	25.00	
Sales of Supplies.....	988.09	
Life Memberships.....	120.00	
	<u>3,483.59</u>	
		<u>\$3,558.56</u>
Less amount received from Chapters (see Cash Statement) ..	3,248.20	
		<u>\$ 310.36</u>

AMOUNTS DUE FROM CHAPTERS FEB. 28, 1931

North Star, No. 2	\$ 8.41	
Shekinah, No. 4.....	1.60	
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	4.30	
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	1.00	
Calgary, No. 11.....	122.00	
Capital City, No. 13	24.40	
Hillvue, No. 15.....	.70	
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	9.25	
Norwood, No. 18.....	8.45	
Hiram, No. 19.....	1.75	
Strathmore, No. 21.....	6.55	
Crescent, No. 24.....	34.00	
Strathcona, No. 25.....	11.95	
Harmony, No. 26.....	2.60	
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	9.18	
Hanna, No. 28.....	7.35	
Edson, No. 30.....	122.86	
F. S. Selwood.....	14.95	
	<u>\$ 391.30</u>	

LESS CREDITS TO CHAPTERS FEB. 28, 1931

Assiniboia, No. 3.....	\$ 9.65	
Golden West, No. 5.....	1.21	
Bekah, No. 7.....	3.36	
Kether, No. 18.....	.15	
Vermilion, No. 14.....	25.75	
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	2.65	
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	8.25	
Coronation, No. 23.....	.02	
David Thompson, No. 29.....	29.90	
	<u>\$ 80.94</u>	
		<u>\$ 310.36</u>

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Officers' Expenses:

Grand First Principal for 1929-30.....	\$ 23.25	
Grand First Principal for 1930-31.....	339.45	
Grand Superintendents for 1929-30.....	24.70	
Grand Superintendents for 1929-30.....	125.00	
Grand Lecturer for 1930.....	60.00	
		\$ 572.40

Grand Chapter Convocation Expense, 1930-31:

Grand Tyler, Companion J. L. Johnston, 1930	10.00	
Printing Preliminary Reports, 1930.....	72.68	
Rent, Acacia Building Assn., 1930.....	30.00	
Printing List of Officers, 1930-31.....	10.46	
Donation towards Entertainment, 1930.....	25.00	
Printing Annual Notices, 1931.....	14.39	
		162.53
Auditing.....		35.00
Cuts and Photography.....		21.59
Engrossing.....		41.00
Entertainment.....		23.25
Exchange.....		.30
Express.....		3.25
Flowers.....		14.65
Grand Officers' Regalia.....		58.29
Grand Scribe E. salary.....		720.00
Office Furniture and Equipment.....		41.94
Office Expense.....		19.31
Postage.....		63.50
Premium on Guarantee Bonds.....		3.00
Presentation Regalia.....		64.11
Proceedings—1929 issue.....	\$ 38.63	
—1930 issue.....	590.36	
		628.99
Province of Alberta Savings Certificates.....		1,700.00
Rent of Safety Deposit Box.....		3.00
Stationery and Printing (office use).....		177.39
Sundry Accounts—1930 (Liabilities).....		511.35
Supplies for re-sale.....		110.79
Regalia and Paraphernalia for re-sale.....		589.15
Telegrams and L. D. Telephone.....		8.74
Work.....		109.30
		\$5,682.83

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For twelve months ended February 28th, 1931

By Annual Per Capita dues.....		\$1,339.00
Certificates of Past Principals and others.....		16.00
Dispensations.....		32.00
Interest received during period.....	\$	195.98
Interest accrued on Savings Certificates.....		35.33
	\$	231.31
Less Interest set up as accrued Feb. 28, 1930.....		24.00
		207.31
Life Memberships.....		120.00
Registrations and Royal Arch Certificates.....		294.00
Registration of Affiliations.....		25.00
Supplies—Sales.....	\$	988.09
To cost of supplies sold:		
Inventory Feb. 28, 1930.....	\$	887.11
Purchases, 1930-31.....		809.24
	\$	1,696.35
Less Inventory Feb. 28, 1931.....		833.43
Net cost supplies sold.....	\$	862.92
		125.17
Gross Revenue.....		\$2,158.48
To Expense:		
Grand Chapter Convocation Expense.....	\$	162.53
Grand Officers Travelling Expense.....		572.40
Grand Scribe E. salary.....		720.00
Auditing.....		35.00
Cuts and Photography.....		21.59
Engrossing.....		41.00
Entertainment.....		23.25
Exchange.....		.30
Express.....		3.25
Flowers.....		14.65
Office Expense.....		19.31
Postage.....		63.50
Premium on Guarantee Bonds.....		3.00
Presentation regalia.....		64.11
Proceedings—1929 issue.....	\$	38.63
—1930 issue.....		590.36
		628.99
Rent of Safety Deposit Box.....		3.00
Stationery and Printing:		
Inventory Feb. 28, 1930.....	\$	122.85
Purchases 1930-31.....		177.39
	\$	300.24
Less Inventory Feb. 28, 1931.....		239.52
		60.72
Telegrams and Long Distance Telephone.....		8.74
Reserves for Depreciation:		
Grand Officers' Regalia.....	\$	71.32
Office Furniture.....		26.92
Stone and Cuts, etc.....		14.80
		113.04
Gross Expense.....		\$2,558.38
Net Loss for year.....		\$ 399.90

Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1931

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Bank Balance.....	\$ 979.57
Province of Alberta Savings Certificates.....	2,000.00
Due from Chapters.....	391.30
Accrued Interest.....	35.33
Grand Officers' Regalia.....	1,426.34
Office Furniture, Books, etc.....	538.34
Stone and Cuts.....	148.00
Library.....	66.12
Inventory:	
Stationery and Printing.....	\$ 239.52
Supplies for re-sale.....	833.43
	<u>1,072.95</u>

LIABILITIES

Owing to Chapters.....	\$ 80.94
Owing to Benevolent Fund.....	1,390.83
Reserves for Depreciation:	
On Grand Officers' Regalia.....	\$ 535.53
Allowance for 1930-31.....	71.32
	<u>\$ 606.85</u>
On Office Furniture, etc.....	168.99
Allowance for 1930-31.....	26.92
	<u>195.91</u>
On Stone and Cuts.....	74.00
Allowance for 1930-31.....	14.80
	<u>88.80</u>
	<u>891.56</u>

Surplus Account:

Balance February 28, 1930.....	\$4,694.52
Less Net Decrease as per Revenue Statement.....	399.90
	<u>4,294.62</u>
	<u>\$6,657.95</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

Province of Alberta Savings Certificates.....	\$3,000.00
Due from General Fund.....	1,390.83
	<u>\$4,390.83</u>

	\$4,390.83
	<u>\$4,390.83</u>

RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP

Kether, No. 8 Clifford Harrison Loder.
 Capital City, No. 13 Robert E. Noble.

DEMITTED

Alberta, No. 1 Cecil F. Martin, James F. Haddow, Frederick S. Hatten, Charles R. Ellston, Allan McInnes, Joseph H. Huber, Clarence W. Pipes, William A. Aird, Thomas U. McKinnon, John Gillespie and Joseph W. Ashcroft.
 North Star, No. 2 (Hon.) John R. Boyle, (Dr.) Max R. Boe, William S. Graham, Pythagoras H. Thibaudreau, Sidney Millward and Robert Chambers.
 Assiniboia, No. 3 William K. Bateman.
 Shekinah, No. 4 William H. Anderson and John A. Gilmour.
 Golden West, No. 5 David R. Wark, Vernor H. Bower, Hugh M. Shaw, George E. McKeage, Alexander W. Durham, Earle Warren, Hugh C. Eyres, and Anthony W. Read.
 Mount Horeb, No. 6 . . . Robert D. Robertson, Waldo H. Murray, David Sutherland and (Dr.) George E. Budd.
 Bekah, No. 7 Leslie C. McBride and James N. Cooney.
 Otuskwan, No. 9 Edward F. Doolan.
 Bow Valley, No. 10 . . . Lawrence M. Webster, John F. Inglis and Archibald A. Bostwick.
 Calgary, No. 11 Gordon A. Sproule, Charles R. Sharman and Peter W. Gordon.
 Keystone, No. 12 Albert T. Stephenson, Carim J. Jarjour, Hugh Baird, Arthur L. P. Chinn, Frank K. Pettipher, James H. Duckworth, Albert E. Fairley and Harold J. Snell.
 Capital City, No. 13 . . James Smith, Ray E. Staples, Douglas R. Sutherland and William M. Smith.
 Vermilion, No. 14 . . . Edmund H. Childs, Alexander Gillies and James Walker.
 Tau Cross, No. 16 . . . John H. Wheeler.
 Norwood, No. 18 Frederick A. Vizard, Ernest H. Harris and Jacob J. Shaw.
 Hiram, No. 19 William C. Griffith.
 Banff, No. 20 Herbert M. B. Ashton.
 Joseph Stauffer, No. 22 . (Dr.) William G. Evans.
 Coronation, No. 23 . . . Robert H. Reynolds.
 Harmony, No. 26 William H. Buchanan.
 Eheyeh, No. 27 Isaac Ellis and William T. Gill.
 Hanna, No. 28 William J. McClelland.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

Alberta, No. 1 Frederick M. Graham, James E. Hopkins, Ernest R. Muir, John S. Martin, Bertram F. Noble, Olaf Olson, Lester I. Peers, (Dr.) Thomas Angus Skinner, Archie Watt, and Frederick A. Schultz.
 Assiniboia, No. 3 Robert F. Collins, Harry S. Ellis, Edward J. Crowe, Ralph L. Stone, William G. Kile, and Stanley Y. Hurst.

Assiniboia, No. 3. James H. Preston.

Alberta, No. 1	Bruce L. Robinson, John S. McCammon, Thomas Birnie, Joseph Garden and Enoch Samuel Sales.
North Star, No. 2	Duncan C. Robertson.
Assiniboia, No. 3	Archibald A. Johnston, John Shields and Hamilton Morrow.
Shekinah, No. 4	Errick P. Davis and John Scott.
Mount Horeb, No. 6	Duncan C. Robertson.
Kether, No. 8	James J. Gillespie.
Otuskwau, No. 9	John Fazackerley, Joseph Dudgeon and John A. MacDonald.
Keystone, No. 12	John R. Prosser.
Capital City, No. 13	Henry J. Wells, Robert M. McLean, Eddie C. Wells and Duncan C. Robertson.
Norwood, No. 18	James A. Spalding.
Banff, No. 20	Roger B. Moore and John Ford.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22	Douglas S. Wadleigh.
Harmony, No. 26	George H. Travis.
Hanna, No. 28	John Niven Oldham.

Clifford Bentzel

Grand Scribe E.

Report of Grand Treasurer

March 1st, 1930 to February 28th, 1931

Mar. 1	1930—Cash in Bank.....	\$3,433.67
	Less outstanding cheques.....	218.70
		\$3,214.97
	Received from Grand Scribe E.....	3,447.43
		\$6,662.40

AMOUNTS PAID BY CHEQUE

March 1st, 1930, to February 28th, 1931

1930		
Mar. 14	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., Proceedings ..	\$ 464.00
Mar. 14	C. R. Wentzel, Postage on Proceedings ..	17.35
Mar. 26	Percy Cull, Grd. Supt. allowance	25.00
Mar. 26	Charles Comba, Gd. Supt. allowance.....	25.00
Mar. 26	J. H. Routledge, engrossing charters.....	20.00
Mar. 26	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels.....	2.00
Mar. 26	Linton's Bookstore, stationery.....	2.00
Mar. 27	Provincial Treasurer, 4 per cent Savings Certificates.....	1,700.00
April 7	J. L. Johnston, Tyler's Services	10.00
April 7	W. A. Ackland Agencies, Premium on Bonds.....	3.00
April 7	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia	64.11
April 7	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels.....	13.84
April 7	Albertan Job Press Ltd., Printing.....	91.04
April 7	Acacia Bldg. Assn., Grand Chap. rent ..	30.00
April 15	Alfred Russell, Travelling Expense to Edson.....	24.70
April 15	Exchange on above cheque.....	.15
April 15	A. B. McCurdy, Entertainment at Grand Chapter.....	25.00
April 15	J. H. Routledge, engrossing certificates..	3.00
April 29	W. S. Cameron, Gd. Supt. allowance....	25.00
April 29	W. B. Way, Gd. Supt. allowance.....	25.00
April 29	Henry W. Ford, auditing fee.....	35.00
April 29	C. R. Wentzel, postage, office expense, telephone calls and entertaining.....	37.19
May 10	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels.....	54.00
May 10	Arthur E. Fosten, editing and proof reading	12.00
May 19	J. R. Flan, Gd. First Principal's expense..	70.60
May 19	R. H. Norton, Gd. Supt. allowance.....	25.00
May 29	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., Ptg., stationery, and Excise Tax on Proceedings.....	24.08
May 29	Office Specialty Mfg., office expense and furniture.....	29.88
May 29	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia.....	244.00
May 29	C. R. Wentzel, postage and salary.....	185.46
July 5	Grand Chapter of Canada, "Work".....	107.90
July 5	J. H. Routledge, engrossing	12.00
July 8	A. E. McGinnes, regalia and parapher- nalia.....	27.00
July 8	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., supplies.....	26.77
July 8	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia.....	10.00
		3471.07

1930		Carried Forward.....	\$3,471.07
July 14	J. W. G. Morrison, Gd. First Principal's travelling expense.....	88.25	
July 14	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels.....	27.00	
Aug. 1	Exchange on cheque to Grand Chapter of Canada.....	.15	
Aug. 7	C. R. Wentzel, office expense, L.D. telephone and postage.....	9.12	
Aug. 7	Campbell Floral Seeds and Nurseries, Ltd., flowers.....	10.75	
Aug. 7	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia.....	37.43	
Sept. 24	Hamilton Stamp & Stencil Works, Ltd., paraphernalia.....	34.47	
Oct. 8	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels.....	26.00	
Oct. 8	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., printing.....	18.69	
Oct. 8	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia.....	65.00	
Oct. 25	Co-operative Letter Co., multigraphing.....	3.90	
Nov. 15	C. A. MacPherson, Grand Lect. expense.....	50.00	
Nov. 19	J. H. Routledge, engrossing.....	2.00	
Nov. 19	Linton's Bookstore, District Minute Book.....	4.75	
Nov. 19	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia.....	20.86	
Nov. 19	J. W. G. Morrison, Gd. First Principal's travelling expense and multigraphing.....	35.40	
Nov. 19	Albertan Job Press, Ltd.....	17.42	
Nov. 27	C. R. Wentzel.....	9.47	
Nov. 27	C. R. Wentzel, postage.....	25.00	
Dec. 17	Knight's Bindery, lettering District Minute Book.....	1.25	
Dec. 17	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., cuts, District Minute Book refills and proceedings..	14.69	
Dec. 17	Muir Cap & Regalia Ltd., regalia.....	71.06	
Dec. 17	Calgary Photo Engraving, cut.....	5.81	
Dec. 23	J. W. G. Morrison, Gd. First Principal's travelling expense.....	136.25	
Dec. 23	Arthur E. Fosten, editing and proof reading.....	15.00	
Dec. 30	C. A. MacPherson, Gd. lecturer's travelling ex.	10.00	
1931			
Jan. 2	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., return forms, Christmas cards, cuts, receipts for dues and mailing proceedings.....	169.00	
Jan. 8	Conways' Limited, cigars.....	6.10	
Jan. 8	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., Proceedings...	549.04	
Jan. 8	C. R. Wentzel, salary (6 mos.).....	360.00	
Jan. 8	Royal Bank, rent of deposit box.....	3.00	
Feb. 18	J. H. Routledge, engrossing.....	4.00	
Feb. 18	Campbell Floral Seeds and Nurseries, Ltd., flowers.....	3.90	
Feb. 18	J. W. G. Morrison, Gd. First Principal's travelling expense.....	64.35	
Feb. 18	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia.....	43.60	
Feb. 18	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels.....	32.65	
Feb. 28	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., printing and stationery.....	20.70	
Feb. 28	J. W. G. Morrison, Gd. First Principal's travelling expense.....	17.20	
Feb. 28	C. R. Wentzel, salary, office expense, telephone and express.....	198.50	
			<u>\$5,682.83</u>
			\$ 979.57

Feb. 28	Bank balance.....	\$1,259.57	
	Less outstanding cheques.....	280.00	
			\$ 979.57
Outstanding cheques:—			
	Muir Cap and Regalia, Ltd.	\$ 43.60	
	Albertan Job Press, Ltd.....	20.70	
	John W. G. Morrison.....	17.20	
	C. R. Wentzel.....	198.50	
			\$ 280.00

Fraternally submitted,

William C. Black

Grand Treasurer.

Auditor's Report

Calgary, March 11th, 1931.

To the Audit and Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Gentlemen:

I have examined the books, vouchers and Financial Reports of the Grand Scribe E and the Grand Treasurer for the year ending February 28th, 1931.

Since last report the sum of \$1,700 has been invested in Provincial Savings Certificates and there are now on hand \$5,000 of these certificates deposited in a safety deposit box at the Royal Bank of Canada and have been examined by me.

Depreciation on Grand Chapter property has been maintained at the usual rates. The books have been well kept, all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with and, in my opinion, the Balance Sheet has been properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Grand Chapter's financial affairs as at February 28th, 1931, according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Yours fraternally,

Henry W. Ford

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1930

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 31, 1929	Admissions	Affiliations	Restorations	Demitted	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1930	Increase	Decrease	Net Increase
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	Charles Saife	Norman B. Williams	283	15	5	1	1	10	4	283	5	5	5
2	North Star	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	William Orr	Leslie H. Reilly	193	2	2	1	6	1	1	188	5	9	5
3	Asiniboia	Medicine Hat	3rd Tuesday	Ernest King	Walter B. Stevens	174	1	1	1	1	7	3	163	9	9	9
4	Shelkna	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	William R. Fowler	John C. Redman	171	10	1	1	2	1	2	182	11	11	11
5	Golden West	High River	4th Tuesday	Henry H. Gould	Percy G. Thomas	112	3	3	3	8	1	1	104	6	6	6
6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin	4th Thursday	Arthur Savers	George D. Wallace	70	2	2	2	4	2	1	67	3	3	3
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Wednesday	Jrter R. Davis	Arthur Young	53	2	2	2	2	2	1	51	1	1	1
8	Kether	Pincher Creek	1st Thursday	Walter Marcellus	Juncan C. McDougall	52	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	1	1	1
9	Okuswan	Calgary	1st Thursday	Joseph J. Webster	John Cowey	165	11	4	1	1	2	3	174	9	9	9
10	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Tuesday	Alfred G. B. Lewis	Thomas H. Beach	51	1	1	1	3	4	1	47	4	4	4
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Wednesday	Thomas W. Matthew	Orri W. Harris	107	2	1	1	3	2	1	105	2	2	2
12	Keystone	Red Deer	1st Thursday	Henry B. Mammell	Wm. J. Stephenson	127	1	1	1	8	1	1	118	9	9	9
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	Walter Hill	David McIntosh	211	4	1	1	1	4	4	208	3	3	3
14	Vermilion	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	William W. Bell	J W. G. Morrison	74	3	1	1	3	3	1	70	4	4	4
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	3rd Tuesday	Thomas O. Davies	Harold Henderson	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	1	1	1
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	Walter R. Jones	Edward H. Mack	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	1	1	1
17	Mount Olivet	Killam	1st Wednesday	Frank Grandag	William Smith Jr.	74	1	1	1	1	1	1	74	1	1	1
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	George Blyth	John F. Hall	86	1	1	1	3	1	1	78	8	8	8
19	Hiram	Youngstown	Monday on or after full moon	Oliver J. Cowin	Norman Steckle	55	3	3	3	1	2	1	58	3	3	3
20	Banff	Banff	3rd Thursday	R. Summerhay	Arthur N. Saddington	65	4	1	1	1	1	2	69	4	4	4
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	Ernest Corbett	Walter E. Mercer	52	5	1	1	1	1	1	57	5	5	5
22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury	1st Wednesday	John C. Knight	James McDougall	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	1	1	1
23	Coronation	Coronation	2nd Thursday after full moon	Thomas N. Cuthbert	Geo g. K. S. ve son	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	1	1	1
24	Crescent	Calgary	1st Monday	James M. Donaldson	Frank W. Keyte	103	1	1	1	1	3	1	102	1	1	1
25	Strathcona	So. Edmonton	1st Friday	Owen J. Barker	Franklin Booth	68	2	1	1	1	1	1	71	3	3	3
26	Harmony	Passano	4th Wednesday	Windof G. Nelson	Henry W. Ford	80	3	1	1	1	1	1	84	4	4	4
27	Eheweh	Drumheller	1st Friday	Arthur H. Jones	William A. Irving	63	3	1	1	2	1	1	70	7	7	7
28	Hanna	Hanna	3rd Thursday	Joseph M. Winkler	Charles R. Abbott	58	3	3	3	1	1	1	63	5	5	5
29	David	Jasper	3rd Thursday	Edward A. Shaw	Thomas C. Young	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	1	1	1
30	Thompson	Edson	2nd Tuesday	Sidney W. Bridges	Albert D. Hiliker	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	2	2	2
						2837	96	25	2	68	53	26	2813	45	69	24

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF PRESENTATIONS TO GRAND CHAPTER

On motion of R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, seconded by R. E. Companion Orlando G. Craig, it was

RESOLVED, That a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent to Companions A. M. Hanauer and Edward A. King for the valuable addition to our Grand Chapter Library—the book on Masonic Chapter Pennies—recently received.

On motion of R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, seconded by R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, That the appreciation of Grand Chapter be expressed to the Grand Chapter of Texas for so kindly sending us the photograph of the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington, Texas.

R. E. Companion Follett then drew to the attention of the companions the banquet and dance which had been prepared for the evening's entertainment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report as follows:

Your Committee finds, and is pleased to report, that the following Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction have during the present year contributed for Benevolence the amounts as set out:

Alberta, No. 1.	\$245.00
Assiniboia, No. 3.	100.00
Shekinah, No. 4.	50.00
Mount Horeb, No. 6.	20.00
Kether, No. 8.	15.00
Otuskwan, No. 9.	50.00
Bow Valley, No. 10.	10.25
Keystone, No. 12.	25.00
Capital City, No. 13.	17.00
Hillvue, No. 15.	50.00
Banff, No. 20.	84.40
	\$666.65

Your Committee desires to commend these Chapters for this excellent showing in Masonic Benevolence.

Your Committee recommends that the authority to make disbursements from the Benevolent Fund of Grand Chapter be vested in this standing Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter; that grants for this purpose may be authorised upon a recommendation of the Committee signed by the chairman and three other members of the Committee directed to the Grand Treasurer following notice and full information of each application and the facts relative thereto to each member of the Committee forwarded through Grand Scribe E.; that the warrant drawn on the Grand Treasurer shall be signed by the chairman of this Sub-Committee and Grand Scribe E.

Provided, however, that the aggregate of such payments for Benevolence shall not exceed in the financial year of Grand Chapter the amount

receivable by Grand Chapter from the Chapters for purposes of Benevolence under Section 59 of the Constitution.

Provided, further, that this limitation may be exceeded by the Committee after having first secured the approval in writing of the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted.

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD
(Acting *Chairman*)
JAMES A. MCGHEE,
CHARLES H. MINCHIN.

On motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report as follows:

(1) We have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E., the Grand Treasurer and the Auditors.

(2) These reports are very clear and concise and we recommend their adoption.

(3) We note that the Revenue Account of Grand Chapter for the twelve months ending February 28th, 1931, showed an operating loss of \$399.90. This appears to be due in part to a decrease in revenue and in part to an increase in expenditure. The revenue for depreciation this year exceeds that of last year by \$5.28 which leaves a net cash deficit of \$394.62. This deficit is accounted for by a decrease in revenue over the previous year of \$106.48 and an increase in expenditure over the previous year of \$288.04. It is expected that the operating expenses will be appreciably lower in regard to several items during the coming year, although it would appear that a deficit may be expected on the present year's revenue or operating account.

(4) Your Committee are unable to suggest any method of meeting this situation other than recommending that the various items of expense be kept as low as possible consistent with maintaining the service. The financial position of the Grand Chapter is sound and well established and your Committee believe that Grand Chapter may be congratulated upon the financial report, having regard to the depressed condition of business generally prevailing throughout not only this jurisdiction but the country and the world at large.

(5) We recommend that Grand Chapter authorize the Committee on Audit and Finance to convert into cash during the present financial year of Grand Chapter, upon the requisition of the Grand Treasurer, Province of Alberta Savings Certificates held for the general fund in a sum not to exceed \$500.00 in the event of any such sum being needed to enable the Grand Treasurer to pay the current accounts of Grand Chapter.

(6) We recommend that Excellent Companion Henry W. Ford, Chartered Accountant, be paid for his services as Auditor during the current year the sum of \$35.00 and that the payment to him of the sum of \$35.00 as auditing fee for the year 1930-31 be sanctioned and confirmed.

(7) Your Committee further recommend that Grand Scribe E., on or before the 1st of June, 1931, forward to each Chapter which has not already purchased one from Grand Scribe E., a Staff of Judah and charge the said Chapter therefor the sum of \$5.50.

Faternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.
C. A. MacPHERSON,
CHARLES H. MINCHIN,
H. SANDILANDS,
A. B. McCURDY,
J. V. FOLLETT,
F. B. COOPER.

On motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPLIES OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M. E. Companion De Roche: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, it gives me great pleasure to be here representing the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, more particularly because I know your Most Excellent First Principal and my old friend Most Excellent Companion Selwood:

It seems a more or less auspicious occasion that I should be at this, practically the fortieth anniversary of Alberta Chapter. Since the establishment of Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta you have made wonderful strides, for you have your own Grand Chapter with thirty Chapters and a membership of 2,850. I think this is remarkable progress.

I note also that, by your report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, harmony prevails and increased interest is evinced, and that is an excellent sign of Royal Arch Masonry's progress in this jurisdiction.

I notice also, on reading your grand Proceedings, that there are some things which you do differently. From the report of your Grand Superintendents I find that district meetings are meetings of instruction. This is not our practice and I think we are missing a great deal. This year or next year our Committee on Capitular Masonry will work on it. I am heartily in favor of it.

Your Grand First Principal gave his address this morning, and I am especially sorry that I was unable to be here, not only to hear his address but to hear his silver tongue. I heard him in Saskatoon, and I am sorry to have missed him this morning. I am, however, glad to be here when the most important business of Grand Chapter is being discussed—the reports of the Grand Superintendents. The class of men who were Grand Superintendents is excellent and I am pleased to hear their observations on the conditions of their various districts.

I note you remark a slight falling off in this jurisdiction, and it would be interesting to compare that decrease with various grand jurisdictions in the United States, one, at least, of which remarks that there is a great falling off in membership and attendance. The question is: What is to be done—what can be done—to prevent this situation? I have not seen any suggestions in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, but practically all of the Proceedings of the various Grand Chapters of the United States say that "lack of leadership" is the cause.

From what I have seen of the Grand Chapters of Canada we have the leaders. But you have to have the followers—What about them? It seems to me that if we could convince the back-benchers that they are an important part of the Chapter to which they belong, that they are as necessary links in the chain as any of the officers, and encourage them by giving them some work to do, some little question as to symbolism or the history of Royal Arch Masonry to look into, and thus get them interested, we would have made a great stride. They ought to grasp the fact that by the time they reach the Royal Arch they should understand and realize the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. If they don't we should work them up by some such scheme as I have mentioned.

An excellent fourth degree with good singers, etc., is really superficial, and we are going to try this year to get the back-benchers interested, get them to do something to help, and make them believe they are an important link. Try to get them to co-operate. I believe that if we can get the ordinary Royal Arch Mason to co-operate with the Chapter and the Grand Chapter we will have no further trouble, and we must make them realize this. I saw this poem the other day:

From "Patchwork"

Stand off by yourself in your dreaming,
And all of your dreams are vain.
No grandeur of soul or spirit
Can man by himself attain.
It is willed we shall dwell as brothers,
As brothers then we must toil;
We must act with a common purpose
As we work in a common soil.
And each who would see accomplished
The dreams that he's proud to own
Must strive for the goal with his fellows,
For no man can do it alone.

While I am on my feet, Excellent Sir, I have a most pleasant duty to perform. I would like to explain to the companions of Grand Chapter that while your Grand First Principal was visiting us in Saskatchewan he was made an honorary life member of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and I have now the great pleasure and privilege of presenting to him a certificate of life membership in Saskatchewan.

M. E. Companion Morrison: M. E. Companion de Roche, I do not know what to say. This presentation is something I was not expecting. I assure you I appreciate the very high honor you have thus extended to me. I wish that words from me could convey to the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan the deep appreciation and thanks I feel for their kindness and for this certificate which I shall treasure in the years to come as one of my most valued possessions. As the years roll on may our harmony be greater, our union closer, to the end that there may be greater co-ordination in our work for the great cause of Royal Craft Masonry.

Kindly convey my appreciation for this certificate, making me a life member of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. As I said I shall always treasure it and I shall never forget the kindness and hospitality shown me by the companions of your Grand Chapter.

R. E. Companion Syme: Most Excellent Sir, I can assure you it has been a great privilege and pleasure to be received here as a representative of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, representing the Grand First Principal of that Grand Chapter. As our Most Excellent Grand First Principal is not able to be present on account of the condition of his health, on his behalf allow me to extend to you his heartfelt greetings at this time. I hope you will have a harmonious convocation—in fact, I know you will.

Allow me, Excellent Sir, to congratulate you on your address, delivered this morning. It was very interesting and instructive, and the suggestions put forward, if adopted by this Grand Chapter, will no doubt lead to a betterment in the government of the Chapters and be of benefit to Grand Chapter.

I also, like my good friend Judge de Roche, want to congratulate you on the reports of the Grand Superintendents. They are concise and interesting and judging from the detail offered they seem to get to the core of the situation, and I believe you are thus better able to appreciate just what the Chapters are doing.

I want also to congratulate your Grand Scribe E. on his good report. It has been my pleasure to correspond with him at different times.

This is my first trip to Alberta or to visit any convocation in an official capacity. It was a pleasure to listen to the address given by your Mayor this morning. We appreciate the welcome to your city. We have heard lots about it—"Where a man's a man." When I got here I was met and introduced to all the boys here so kindly that maybe I won't get away. I must say I appreciate the remarks of the Mayor. I believe he has done a wonderful work for Calgary.

Now, like Dr. Kerby, I won't say much more, as I might want to come back, and again extend the greetings of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

M. E. Companion Morrison: I am sure it is a pleasure to us all to hear these remarks. The speakers will take back the best feelings and the best wishes of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and I hope that next year they will again come representing their Grand Chapters.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to report that the only question submitted for consideration is the question of recognising the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland. This matter has been carefully considered, and we find that everything is in due order and beg to recommend that recognition be granted and and exchange of Representatives be arranged. We are pleased to report

that peace and harmony prevail between the other recognised Grand Chapters.

The various Proceedings from Foreign Jurisdictions are under review and we recommend that same when completed be printed in the Annual Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL H. MIDDLETON,
Chairman,
EDWIN G. IRONSIDE,
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD.

On motion of M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, seconded by M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Another year with all its changes, all its successes and disappointments, has passed, and again we are permitted by the Grace of Almighty God to gather in this Annual Convocation.

The year that is past brought many losses to the Royal Craft. We join with our Sister Grand Jurisdictions in mourning the loss of thirty-nine distinguished companions, thirty of whom were Past Grand High Priests. To us is brought an especial note of sadness in the passing of two of the Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter near Sister Grand Chapters: Companions Harry Oscar Perry near the Grand Chapter of Maryland and John K. Brydon near the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario.

The passing of M. E. Companion Charles F. Sherwin, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, reminds us of the uncertainty of things human. Some years ago this distinguished mason paid our Grand Chapter a visit, and thereby earned for himself the lasting tribute of being a man of keen vision and great courage. We sincerely mourn his death.

At this time it is our solemn duty to pause awhile and pay our tribute of respect and love to the memory of those dear companions who have passed from our mortal fellowships—been released from their labours and entered into rest.

In this Grand Chapter we have been called upon to mourn the passing from our Fraternal Circle of twenty-five companions. Included in this loss is R. E. Companion George H. Travis, of Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano, Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, who died on the 29th day of June, 1930. To Harmony Chapter we extend our deepest sympathy, and as a Grand Chapter we mourn the loss of an active worker and a loved companion.

North Star Chapter of Edmonton has suffered the loss of two of its oldest Past First Principals in the persons of R. E. Companion Duncan C. Robertson and R. E. Companion (His Honor Judge) Hedley C. Taylor.

R. E. Companion Robertson was the mainstay of North Star Chapter in its early history, and many of those who followed him in office in that Chapter look back with deepest gratitude to the assistance received at his hands. He had the honour of having instituted several of the older Chapters in this Province, and he was at the time of his death a life member in three Chapters in Alberta.

R. E. Companion (Judge) Taylor was one of the most prominent masons in Western Canada and his loss will be deeply felt by all branches of the Craft. As a man he was a friend to all men; as a judge he was respected and trusted. No higher tribute can be paid to any man. He was a Past Grand Superintendent of this Grand Chapter, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, a 33rd degree mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, a Knight Templar, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, a member of the Royal and Select Masters Cryptic Rite, a Past Anointed High Priest, and a member of the Shrine. In all these various branches of Masonry he took an active part and a helpful interest. His passing has left in our ranks a vacancy that never can be filled.

When a star quenched on high,
For Ages would its light
Still travel downward from the sky
Shine on our mortal sight.

So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.

To the families and friends of those who have passed on we extend our deepest sympathy and assure them of our never ending fellowship.

We would offer to them the comfort of an Eternal Hope, founded upon the promises of our Heavenly Father. He giveth His beloved rest.

The Master has said unto us, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

Oh, not in cruelty, not in wrath,
The reaper came that day,
'Twas an Angel visited the green earth,
And took the flowers away.

Those of us who remain should endeavor to press on with new vigor, striving to accomplish the purpose of our sojourn here.

When the prizes of life shall be awarded by the Supreme Judge, who knows our weaknesses and our frailties, the distance we have run and the weight we have carried, all the hardships will be taken into account. Not so much the distances we have run, but the obstacles we have overcome, the disadvantages under which we have made the race, will decide the prizes.

We live in deeds not years, in thoughts not breath;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs. He more lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

It has been said, "I shall pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again."

Your Committee, with deepest love and respect, beg to move that suitable memorial pages be placed in the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE B. McLEOD,
Chairman
ARCHIBALD B. McCURDY,
SAMUEL H. MIDDLETON.

On motion of M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, seconded by R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1 Bruce L. Robinson, John S. McCammon,
Thomas Birnie, Joseph Garden and Enoch
Samuel Sales.

North Star, No. 2 Duncan C. Robertson.

Assiniboia, No. 3 Archibald A. Johnston, John Shields and
Hamilton Morrow.

Shekinah, No. 4 Errick P. Davis and John Scott.

Mount Horeb, No. 6 Duncan C. Robertson.

Kether, No. 8 James J. Gillespie.

Otuskwan, No. 9 John Fazackerley, Joseph Dudgeon and John
A. MacDonald.

Keystone, No. 12 John R. Prosser.

Capital City, No. 13 Henry J. Wells, Robert M. McLean, Eddie
C. Wells and Duncan C. Robertson.

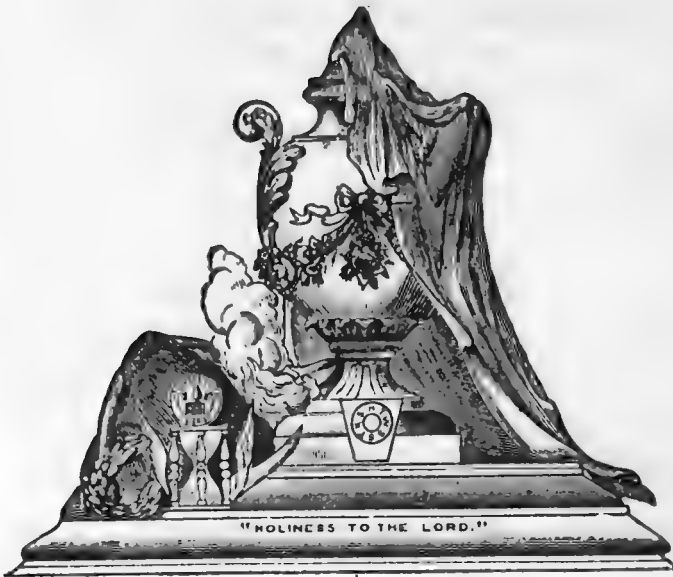
Norwood, No. 18 James A. Spalding.

Banff, No. 20 Roger B. Moore and John Ford.

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22 . Douglas S. Wadleigh.

Harmony, No. 26 George H. Travis.

Hanna, No. 28 John Niven Oldham.



**In Memory
OF THE
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
FOR THE YEAR 1930**

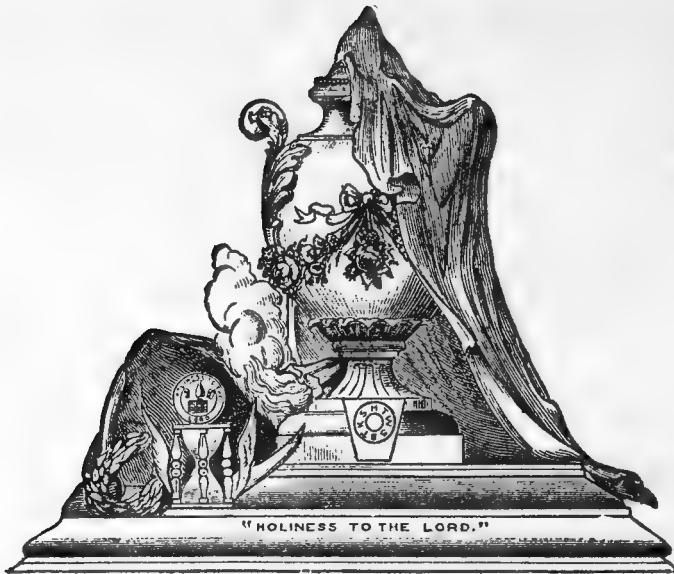
*"They never quite leave us; the Brethren who've passed
Through the shadow of death to the sunlight above;
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love."*

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Arizona...	Henry Morgan Woods, P.G.H.P., June, 2 1930. Harry Houston Hughart, P.G.H.P., Nov 3, 1930.
Arkansas...	James Henry Roten, P.G.H.P., June 21, 1930.
British Columbia	Charles Francis Sherwin, P.G.F.P., Dec. 20, 1930.
California	Thomas Ochtreigh Heydenfeldt, P.G.H.P., April 17 1930. John Henry Sheridan, Gd. Scribe, August 22, 1930.
Colorado	Samuel John Sweet, P.G.H.P., March 30, 1930. Joseph W. Milson, P.G.H.P., July 31, 1930. Frank J. Reinhard, Gd. Sent., October 6, 1930. H. Wadsworth Woodward, P.G.H.P., Nov. 6, 1930. William Darlington Peirce, P.G.H.P., Nov. 17, 1930.
Georgia	Clarence Hyde Andrew, P.G.H.P., Aug. 20, 1930.
Iowa	George August Riemcke, P.G.H.P., April 10, 1930. Arthur Stanley Lawrence, P.G.H.P., July 3, 1930.
Kansas	Frank Everett Davis, P.G.H.P., April 24, 1930.
Kentucky	George Boorum Winslow, P.G.H.P., Sept. 30, 1930.
Louisiana	James F. Pierson, P.G.H.P., Nov. 24, 1930.
Maryland	Warren Stitt Seipp, P.G.H.P., April 11, 1930. Robert M. Rother, Gd. Treas., Dec. 6, 1930.
Massachusetts	Arthur Gayton Pollard, P.G.H.P., June 4, 1930.
Michigan	Emerson Merriman Newell, P.G.Treas., Mar. 13, 1930.
Nebraska	Francis McGivern, P.G.H.P., March 7, 1930. Oscar R. Allen, P.G.H.P., March 31, 1930. John D. Moore, P.G.H.P., July 26, 1930.
New Jersey	Fred E. Tilden, P.G.H.P., March 28, 1930.
Nova Scotia	Wilbert Ashmore Creelman, P.G.H.P., July 30, 1930. Angus Gillis McLean, P.G.H.P., Oct. 14, 1930.
Oklahoma	Napolean B. Maxey, P.G.H.P., July 15, 1930. Milo Arthur Nelson, P.G.H.P., Sept. 1, 1930.
South Dakota	Cyrus Burton Warne, P.G.H.P., Nov. 1, 1930. Peter Pickton, P.G.H.P., Jan. 1, 1931.
Tennessee	Walter Bond Bell, Gd. Scribe, March 12, 1930. James Henry McClister, P.G.H.P., May 15, 1930. Stith Malone Cain, Gd. Sec., July 22, 1930.
Vermont	Daniel Norris Nicholson, P.G.H.P., April 27, 1930.
Virginia	Cyrus Sylvester McKenzie, P.G.H.P., Sept. 7, 1930.
Washington	Peter Pickton, P.G.H.P., Jan. 1, 1931.
Wyoming	Henry M. Arnold, Gd. Scribe, Nov. 23, 1930.
General Grand Chapter of the United States	Arthur Gayton Pollard, P.G.H.P., June 4, 1930.

Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, near other Grand Chapters.

Maryland.....Harry Oscar Perry, February 14, 1930.
Canada in Ontario John K. Bryden.



In Memory
OF THE
Deceased Companions of
Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1930

*Rest comes at last, though life be long and dreary,
 The day must dawn, and darksome night be past.
 All journeys end with welcome to the weary
 And Heaven—the Heart's True Home, will come at last.*

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED PRO TEM.

In the absence of the members of the Jurisprudence Committee, M. E. Companion Morrison appointed M. E. Companions Edwin G. Ironside and Frederick S. Selwood and R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett to act on that Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARD BY-LAWS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Special Committee appointed to consider "Standard By-laws" beg to submit the following amendments for adoption:

By-law No. 3—Delete all after "the hour of p.m."

By-law No. 4—Delete the whole and substitute section 75 of the Constitution, changing the first word to "This" and "Janitor" to "Tyler."

By-law No. 6—Delete the word "Annual" in line ten and substitute "Regular."

By-law No. 8—Delete the word "Annual" in line ten and substitute "Regular."

By-law No. 9—Substitute "Tyler" for "Janitor."

By-law No. 19—Delete the whole of second paragraph, lines 11 to 14 inclusive, and insert at the end of By-law 17 all that portion remaining of 19.

Note—For terms of re-instatement see sections 113, 114 and 115 of the Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM T. COOTE,
Chairman
HENRY SANDILANDS.

On motion of R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, seconded by R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Special Committee on Standard By-laws be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for a report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution beg to report that careful consideration of this matter has been given by them at the various meetings they have held.

Your Committee were unable to fully deal with all clauses contained in the present Constitution owing to the importance of the subject, but have deposited with Grand Scribe E. a draft of the proposed Constitution as revised

Your Committee would recommend that they be authorized to have a sufficient number of the draft revised Constitution printed and that copies thereof be sent on or before 31st May next to each Chapter in the Jurisdiction for their consideration, and report to your Committee any suggestions or changes not later than 1st November, 1931. Such proposed changes would be considered by your Committee who will forward to Grand Scribe E. a Notice of Motion for the adoption of such final draft at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. FLAN, *Chairman*.
 FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
 CYRIL A. MacPHERSON,
 JOHN W. G. MORRISON,
 THOMAS RANKINE,
 CLIFFORD R. WENTZEL.

On motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Companion Archibald West, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution be received and adopted and that the Committee be continued during the coming year.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENT FUND

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your committee during the past year have received three petitions with a direct request for financial assistance. These cases have been carefully considered and we find each one deserving of our support. We therefore beg to recommend that Cases 1 and 2 be given a grant of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each and Case 3 receive a grant of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL H. MIDDLETON,
Chairman.
 FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
 WILLIAM C. BLACK.

On motion of M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton, seconded by R. E. Companion James A. McGhee, it was.

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Grand Chapter Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

This report briefly presents the fact that it is not desirable to press the purchase of any further books at the present time, our Grand Chapter now operating under a deficit, though not serious.

We therefore recommend that no further purchase of books be made and that no further library expenses be incurred at the present time.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

EDWIN G. IRONSIDE,
CLIFFORD R. WENTZEL.

On motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Library be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE TO COMPILE DECISIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER

On motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That as no report has been presented by the Committee, the compilation of decisions be left in abeyance.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 9:25 o'clock a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

The report having been submitted, it was moved by R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion Orlando G. Craig, and carried unanimously,

That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be recommitted to that committee, with instructions to include the name of R. E. Companion Albert E. Portman with the other Grand Superintendents who are recommended for the rank of Past Grand Superintendent.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals wish to congratulate this Grand Body in that there is no matter to come before your Committee for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
Chairman.

HENRY SANDILANDS.

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report that there is no application from any Chapter under Dispensation for a Warrant and that there is no further matter to come before the Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
Acting Chairman.

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Another year has passed away over the Sea of Time, with its joys and sorrows, successes and disappointments, and your Committee are again called upon to review the condition of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Your Committee have carefully reviewed the reports of the Grand Superintendents. We find that these R. E. Companions were very enthusiastic and performed their duties faithfully and well. Every Chapter was visited by them once, at least, and all but two or three several times.

The Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, R. E. Companion George H. Travis, was called to the Great Beyond on June 29th. Grand

Registrar Albert E. Portman was directed by the Grand First Principal to assume the duties of our beloved deceased Companion.

The intervisitations of the city Chapters with one another and with adjacent country Chapters gets favorable comment, and it has caused better attendance at Chapter meetings. The attendance of outlying Chapters is reported as not being as good as it should be.

We are pleased to note that in those Chapters where the Grand Superintendents observed the conferring of degrees, the work was well done. This is gratifying when we consider that the work is still somewhat new. The best of harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction.

We note with regret that our membership has declined. Our old infirmity—the non-payment of dues—is still with us, but it seems to be the opinion that when financial conditions improve we may expect Chapter finances to be better also. Generally, the Chapters are progressing and optimism prevails.

All District Chapters of Instruction, except one, were of a fine order—well attended, instructive and conducive of much good in the interests of Chapter Masonry. The addresses of the Grand First Principal were helpful and the work and instruction given by the Grand Lecturer, R. E. Companion MacPherson, was a feature of each meeting. Owing to a storm, the attendance in District No. 5 was not as good as it would have been. These District Chapters of Instruction are of great benefit and we strongly urge that the incoming Grand Officers give them much prominence and endeavor to make them the outstanding events of the year.

We recommend that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon R. E. Companions Archibald B. McCurdy, John G. Odell, George A. Rounce, Robert E. Donkin, Frederick J. Summerill and Albert E. Portman for their good services.

Your Committee have found nothing in the reports whereby they can determine the influence that Capitular Masonry has exerted on the individual companions, or what it has contributed to society at large, beyond the contributions as reported by the Benevolence Committee. However, your Committee are led to believe that unconsciously Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta is doing much for those who are interested in it, and although this does not always appear on the surface, yet it is strong and abiding.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN G. IRONSIDE,
Chairman.

SAMUEL H. MIDDLETON,
JAMES A. MCGHEE,
JOSEPH V. FOLLETT,
HENRY SANDILANDS.

On motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, That the amended report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs to report that the only matter referred to this Committee for report at this Grand Convocation was the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider "Standard By-Laws."

Your Committee has considered this report so referred and, in view of the fact that a Special Committee of this Grand Chapter is presently engaged in a revision of the Constitution, your Committee considers that the report of the Special Committee on "Standard By-Laws" should be referred to the Special Committee on Constitution to the end that the recommendations in reference to "Standard By-Laws" shall be in accord with the provisions of the new Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
EDWIN G. IRONSIDE,
JOSEPH V. FOLLETT.

On motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Companion William C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to make a final report on the attendance at this Convocation.

Twenty-nine chartered Chapters are represented by one hundred and one delegates, composed of seventy-four Past First Principals, fifteen First Principals, seven Second Principals and five Third Principals having a total of one hundred and sixty-one votes.

One chartered Chapter has no representative.

Details of the vote distribution are appended.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM C. BLACK,
Chairman.
ARCHIBALD B. McCURDY.

No.	Chapter	Z.	H.	J.	P.Z.	P.Z. Proxy	Total votes
1	Alberta.....	0	1	1	13	0	16
2	North Star.....	1	0	0	3	0	6
3	Assiniboia.....	1	0	0	0	0	3
4	Shekinah.....	1	0	0	0	0	3
5	Golden West.....	1	0	1	3	0	6
6	Mount Horeb.....	0	0	0	3	0	6

7	Bekah	1	0	0	1	0	4
8	Kether	1	0	0	1	0	4
9	Otuskwan	1	1	0	12	0	15
10	Bow Valley	0	0	0	1	0	4
11	Calgary	1	0	1	6	0	9
12	Keystone	1	0	1	1	0	4
13	Capital City	1	1	0	1	0	4
14	Vermilion	0	0	0	1	0	4
15	Hillvue	1	0	0	2	0	5
16	Tau Cross	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Mount Olivet	0	0	0	0	1	3
18	Norwood	1	1	0	0	0	3
19	Hiram	1	0	0	0	0	3
20	Banff	0	0	0	2	0	5
21	Strathmore	0	0	0	3	0	6
22	Joseph Stauffer	0	1	0	4	0	7
23	Coronation	0	0	0	1	0	4
24	Crescent	1	0	0	8	0	11
25	Strathcona	0	0	0	4	0	7
26	Harmony	0	0	0	1	0	4
27	Eheyeh	1	1	0	2	0	5
28	Hanna	0	1	1	1	0	4
29	David Thompson	0	0	0	0	1	3
30	Edson	0	0	0	0	1	3
		15	7	5	74	3	161

On motion of R. E. Companion William C. Black, seconded by R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy, it was

RESOLVED, That the final report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On motion of R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion William C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, That a suit of Past Grand First Principal's regalia be supplied for the Immediate Past Grand First Principal.

On motion of E. Companion George Rait, seconded by R. E. Companion George D. Wallace, it was.

RESOLVED, That any deficit sustained by the Calgary Chapters on account of the entertainment provided for the Grand Chapter delegates be made up by this Grand Chapter.

R. E. Companion George D. Wallace on behalf of the out-of-town delegates expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Calgary Chapters for the wonderful entertainment provided on Wednesday evening. The luncheon was excellent, the concert was fine, and altogether it was a most enjoyable evening.

R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, Grand Third Principal undertook to convey this message personally to the several Calgary Chapters.

On motion of R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion William S. Cameron, it was

RESOLVED, That the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) be paid Companion Septimus H. Davies, Grand Tyler, for his services during this Convocation.

An application signed by a number of Royal Arch Companions in and near the town of Brooks praying for the erection of a Chapter at that point was ordered tabled.

The Most Excellent Grand First Principal then presented V. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand and R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands with Commissions as Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters of West Virginia and British Columbia respectively.

On motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion James A. McGhee, it was

RESOLVED, That, in appreciation of the presence of M. E. Companion His Honor Judge de Roche and R. E. Companion George Syme, these companions be granted Honorary Life Membership in the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

M. E. Companion De Roche: I appreciate very much your kind action in this matter, I don't consider that I am a very wonderful representative, but I do appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me and I take it as an honor to the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

I would like to thank the Chapters of Calgary for the entertainment last night.

R. E. Companion Syme: I can assure you that this honor to a representative of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba is appreciated by myself and I know that it will be by our Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter.

I would like to invite a representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta to attend the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, in Winnipeg, in 1932, when we will endeavor to reciprocate the kindness.

Every minute since I have arrived has been a pleasure and a profit, and I can only say again "I thank you," especially for the wonderful programme last night.

M. E. Companion de Roche: I would also like to invite a representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta to attend the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, which will be held at Prince Albert next year.

M. E. Companion Selwood: Most Excellent Sir, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you today our Senior past Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion James N. Rankin.

M. E. Companion Morrison: I am sure it is a great pleasure for us to have you here and I trust you will enjoy your visit, renewing acquaintances, meeting old friends and taking part in the proceedings of the Convocation. I am sure it is a delight to receive you.

R. E. Companion McGhee expressed, on behalf of M. E. Companion Rankin, his pleasure at being able to be present.

On motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper, it was

RESOLVED, That telegrams or letters be sent to M. E. Companions John E. Johnson, of Victoria, B.C., and Robert Patterson, of

Macleod, Alberta, expressing remembrances and good wishes and wishing them good health.

Some very considerable discussion then took place in the matter of regalia for Past Grand First Principals, the discussion being opened by M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood.

On motion of R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, seconded by R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Council be authorized to purchase regalia for all Past Grand First Principals, including the one for the retiring Grand First Principal, who have not already received one, not exceeding two per year, as our finances may permit.

On motion of R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion William C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, That if any moneys have been paid to Grand Chapter by Past Grand First Principals on account of their regalia, that same be refunded to them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

The Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address view with gratitude the deep interest and abiding enthusiasm so patently displayed by the Grand First Principal in the execution of a year's arduous duty. We heartily commend the Grand First Principal for making so many individual visitations, thereby coming in direct and personal contact with every Chapter in the whole jurisdiction.

His remarks regarding the choice of leadership will receive general approbation and the undertaking of a special programme for each meeting will undoubtedly bear fruit.

We concur with the Grand First Principal in his spirit of optimism regarding the condition of the Royal Craft. We particularly concur in his refusal to grant a dispensation to wear Chapter sashes at a social gathering.

The dispensations granted appear to have been within his constitutional power.

We sympathise with the suggestion that a closer co-ordination between the Grand Chapters in Canada in respect to their constitutions and work is desirable but not convinced that the formation of a Grand Council or Grand Chapter would effect that result.

We concur in the idea suggested by the Grand First Principal that official headquarters for the Grand Chapter should be located in the Temple or otherwise, but in view of the financial stringency cannot recommend its immediate adoption.

We commend him for visiting the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and regret he was unable to accept the other invitations received.

We concur with the ruling given by him in connection with the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Degrees.

Your committee have not been able to reach a unanimous opinion regarding the Grand First Principal's decision relative to the holding Lodges of Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Masters. We wish to recommend, however, that in view of the revision of the Constitution now in progress, this particular Section, Clause No. 73 of the Constitution, receive special attention.

Under the heading of "Recommendations" your committee have given much thought and serious deliberation, and concur in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 20. With respect to the other sections we note that No. 5 has already been dealt with. Your committee fail to concur in Nos. 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, and 17.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL H. MIDDLETON,
Acting Chairman,
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
EDWIN G. IRONSIDE,
WILLIAM T. COOTE,
MELVIN M. DOWNEY.

On motion of M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, seconded by M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Grand First, Grand Second and Grand Third Principals' Addresses be received and adopted.

AMENDMENT TO REPORT ON GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENT FUND

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Since presenting the report on Benevolence yesterday, additional information has been received by your committee dealing with Case 3, which leads us to the conclusion that an increase in the grant recommended be made. We therefore beg to recommend that an additional twenty-five dollars be made to the grant, making the total one-hundred dollars.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL H. MIDDLETON,
Chairman.
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
WILLIAM C. BLACK.

On motion of M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton, seconded by R. E. Companion James A. McGhee, it was

RESOLVED, That the amendment to the report of the Committee on Grand Chapter Benevolence be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The hour for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Most Excellent Grand First Principal appointed M. E. Companions

Melvin M. Downey, Edwin G. Ironside and Samuel H. Middleton, scrutineers of the ballot, and the following were declared elected:

Grand First Principal . .	M. E. Companion James A. McGhee, No. 22, Didsbury.
Grand Second Principal	R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, No. 9, Calgary.
Grand Third Principal	R. E. Companion Archibald West, No. 2, Edmonton.
Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)	R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, No. 11, Calgary.
Grand Scribe N.	R. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand, No. 1, Calgary.
Grand Treasurer	R. E. Companion William C. Black, No. 11, Calgary.
Grand Principal Sojourner	R. E. Companion William Baxter, No. 2, Edmonton.
Grand Registrar	R. E. Companion W. Hudson Scott, No. 14, Vermilion.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations for Grand Superintendents were submitted to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selection was confirmed:

Grand Supt. District No. 1 .	R. E. Companion Finley B. Watson, No. 6, Wetaskiwin.
Grand Supt. District No. 2	R. E. Companion James Rennie, No. 19, Youngstown.
Grand Supt. District No. 3.	R. E. Companion James McDougall, No. 22, Didsbury.
Grand Supt. District No. 4 . .	R. E. Companion Cuthbert T. Valentine, No. 9, Calgary.
Grand Supt. District No. 5 . .	R. E. Companion Thomas A. Montgomery, No. 3, Medicine Hat.
Grand Supt. District No. 6 . .	R. E. Companion John H. Richardson, No. 18, Edmonton.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands	No. 25, Edmonton
R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper	No. 1, Calgary.
R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy	No. 2, Edmonton.
R. E. Companion George B. Cruickshank	No. 15, Hillcrest.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Nominations having been received, a ballot was taken and resulted in the City of Edmonton being selected as the place of meeting for the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter on the 16th day of March, 1932, and it was so declared.

THANKS EXPRESSED TO SCRUTINEERS

On motion of R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion William C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Most Excellent Companions who acted as scrutineers for the election of officers. (This was done.)

A REFERENCE TO THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

On motion of M. E. Companion William T. Coote, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That the Jurisprudence Committee be asked to give a ruling at next Grand Convocation as to the number of votes the First Principal of a Chapter, who is also a Past First Principal, is entitled to in the election of Grand Chapter officers.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison having requested M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey to act as installing officer, the ceremony of installing the Grand Chapter Officers for the ensuring year was proceeded with, M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies. The installed officers being proclaimed were saluted according to ancient custom.

PRESENTATION OF A PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S REGALIA TO M. E. COMPANION FREDERICK S. SELWOOD

M. E. Companion de Roche, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, presented to M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood a suit of regalia.

M. E. Companion Selwood: I appreciate very much the kind sentiments expressed by M. E. Companion de Roche, as representing the feelings of this Grand Chapter. I have never had any doubt about that. If that was all that was the matter the incident would never have arisen. This situation was not on a proper basis, due to some misunderstandings and misinterpretations and I felt that the proper thing to do was to bring it up and settle it. My only object in bringing it up was to allow it to be corrected and established on a proper footing.

GRAND COUNCIL EXPRESS THANKS

M. E. Companion McGhee, Grand First Principal:

I am indeed gratified at the honor which has been conferred upon me in electing me to this high office and I am deeply conscious of its responsibilities.

I have been a member of Grand Chapter for many years and, knowing the foundation which has been laid by my illustrious prede-

cessors in this office, I shall continue, or I shall try, to build on that foundation a superstructure, a building favourable in its parts and honourable to the builder.

I would like the companions to take back to their Chapters just one message; a plea for active and harmonious co-operation during the coming year. If we have that, then we cannot help but attain the results for which we hope. It is my intention this year to visit every Chapter in the Province if at all possible. I will continue the district meetings and endeavor to make the events of the year interesting.

I am sure we are all deeply grateful to Most Excellent Companion Downey and Most Excellent Companion Selwood for having installed the officers of Grand Chapter today.

That is all I wish to say, Companions. It is late and we are tired and are all anxious to get away. (Applause.)

R. E. Companion Follett, Grand Second Principal:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions, There is a story told of a housemaid who always got to bed late and never had much time for prayers, so she had a prayer printed and hung at the head of her bed. When she retired each night, she pointed to the prayer saying "Lord, them is my sentiments."

I would like to add that what has been said by the Grand First Principal expresses my sentiments.

R. E. Companion West, Grand Third Principal:

I do not know quite what to say, but I can assure you that I am quite happy to be installed in this chair.

It is now some good many years since I joined North Star Chapter, No. 118, and although not an active member all through the years, I have been taking a fair interest in Royal Arch Masonry; and I assure our Excellent Grand First Principal that if I can be of assistance to him and to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, all he has to do is to let me know.

INSTALLING OFFICERS RECEIVE THANKS

It was moved by R. E. Companion Albert E. Portman, seconded by R. E. Companion William C. Black, that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Installing Officers.— Carried.

PRESENTATION TO M. E. COMPANION MORRISON

M. E. Companion Selwood:

M. E. Companion Morrison, It gives me great pleasure that I am requested to extend to you the heartiest appreciation of this Grand Chapter for your labours of the past year. Your address has shown us the details of this and we appreciate that you have had an arduous year under conditions not altogether too favorable from the standpoint of health. Indeed, we are aware that you came to this Convocation feeling by no means well, and we are glad that you have been able to carry on.

I want to congratulate you on the high standard of excellence, the intelligence and zeal with which you have handled the various duties of this exalted office. It is by no means an easy task, and while perhaps you have not had the pleasure of having everybody agree with you on every occasion, we have all a great respect for you, and we feel that Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta is today in a better position and on a higher plane as a result of your last year's work and endeavor, and I trust that you will be spared for many years to labor in Grand Chapter and to wear this Past Grand First Principal's regalia as a token of the high esteem in which we hold you.

M. E. Companion Morrison:

I wish to thank you sincerely for this expression of your appreciation of my services during the past year, and also to thank Most Excellent Companion Selwood for his remarks.

As I said in my address, I am fully conscious that I did not live up to the standard set by my predecessors, but I endeavored to do my part to the best of my powers, and I wish my successor every success during his term of office.

I again thank you for this kind expression of appreciation of my services during the past year. I shall not forget the kindness and I shall make it a point to attend Grand Chapter on every possible occasion. —(Applause).

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

The following officers were appointed by the Grand First Principal and the Special Committees named in accordance with resolutions passed.

GRAND LECTURER	R. E. Comp. CYRIL A. MacPHERSON	No. 24, CALGARY
Grand Senior Sojourner	V. E. Comp. Andrew Davison	No. 11, Calgary
Grand Junior Sojourner	V. E. Comp. Christian Junget	No. 4, Lethbridge
Grand Sword Bearer	V. E. Comp. Russell A. Gowans	No. 20, Banff
Grand Master 1st Veil	V. E. Comp. Alexander B. Mitchell	No. 12, Red Deer
Grand Master 2nd Veil	V. E. Comp. William F. Ferguson	No. 10, Gleichen
Grand Master 3rd Veil	V. E. Comp. Leon F. Pinkerton	No. 21, Strathmore
Grand Master 4th Veil	V. E. Comp. William H. Leadbetter	No. 22 Didsbury
Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	V. E. Comp. James Duncan	No. 25, Edmonton
Grand Organist	V. E. Comp. Harry C. Neal	No. 25, Edmonton
Grand Pursuivant	V. E. Comp. John Hope	No. 2, Edmonton
Grand Steward	V. E. Comp. William H. Day	No. 24, Calgary
Grand Steward	V. E. Comp. Albert J. Taylor	No. 6, Wetaskiwin
Grand Steward	V. E. Comp. Neils A. Bolli	No. 29, Jasper
Grand Steward	V. E. Comp. Peter Cook	No. 16, Claresholm
Grand Tyler	Comp. John L. Johnstone	No. 2, Edmonton

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Revision of Constitution.—M. E. Companion James R. Flan, Chairman; M. E. Companions Frederick S. Selwood, Norman T. Macleod and John W. G. Morrison; R. E. Companions Cyril A. MacPherson, Thomas Rankine and Clifford R. Wentzel.

Permanent Committee on Work.—M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, Chairman; M. E. Companion James R. Flan; R. E. Companions Cyril A. MacPherson and Clifford R. Wentzel.

Library Committee.—M. E. Companions Frederick S. Selwood, Edwin G. Ironside and Melvin M. Downey; R. E. Companions Archibald West and Clifford R. Wentzel.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Clifford R. Wentzel

Grand Scribe E.



GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

Grand Officers	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
Grand Z.	S. Y. Taylor	J. N. Rankin	F. S. Watson	Robert Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey
Grand H.	F. S. Watson	F. S. Watson	R. Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod
Grand J.	T. C. Bruce	T. C. Bruce	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling
Grand Scribe E.	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N.	A. R. Yates	A. R. Dickson	E. D. H. Wilkins	Geo. D. Stanley	P. J. Dewie	E. C. Dunlop
Grand Prin. Soj.	E. D. H. Wilkins	E. D. H. Wilkins	A. R. Yates	N. T. Macleod	W. T. Coota	W. A. Mahaffy
Grand Treasurer	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley
Grand Registrar	A. West	A. West	V. A. Bowes	E. D. H. Wilkins	D. W. McMillan	Jesse Elliott
Grand Senior Soj.	T. Rankine	D. W. McMillan	W. A. Mahaffy	Geo. W. Elliott	Jesse Elliott	W. J. Stephenson
Grand Junior Soj.	A. H. Spurr	W. A. Mahaffy	D. L. Murison	David McIntosh	J. A. R. Powell	J. J. Green
Grand Lecturer	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue
Grand Sword Bearer	G. B. McLeod	G. B. McLeod	G. D. Wallace	W. F. W. Lent	R. D. Robertson	R. H. Struthers
Grand M. 1st Veil	H. I. Miller	H. G. Hoare	A. N. Lindsay	William T. Coota	J. Dan McDonald	G. E. Cruickshank
Grand M. 2nd Veil	G. T. Bragg	T. H. Irvine	D. McKenzie	R. Powell	D. Thompson	Harvey Brock
Grand M. 3rd Veil	C. E. Macdonald	D. G. Campbell	R. C. Macdonald	Thos. Burnett	H. B. Jamieson	S. T. Fawcett
Grand M. 4th Veil	W. E. Lord	James Walker	E. E. Farley	J. A. Macdonald	A. W. Rosborough	D. McLean
Grand D. of C.	J. M. Empey	A. R. Yates	James Walker	F. S. Selwood	Geo. Simpson	M. B. Peacock
Grand Organist	G. J. Davis	F. B. Cooper	Peter Walker	J. E. Hodgson	F. B. Cooper	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursuivant	E. E. Farley	E. E. Farley	H. H. Fletcher	Joseph Longdon	Geo. Campbell	D. A. Taylor
Grand Steward	Geo. McManus	F. R. Jelfs	W. E. Mercer	S. M. Fraser	F. S. Macpherson	A. N. Sedington
Grand Steward	W. A. Mahaffy	Gaius Allen	D. W. McMillan	G. E. Hayward	A. Hayt	H. Macpherson
Grand Steward	G. I. Chesney	D. L. Murison	Gaius Allen	J. A. Neff	R. C. Macdonald	W. J. Haynes
Grand Steward	J. S. Lambert	G. J. Davis	G. J. Davis	William Thompson	S. M. Fraser	H. D. McMillan
Grand Tyler	Harvey Brock	R. C. Bruce	J. L. Johnston	Thos. Baird	Wm. Burns	S. H. Davies

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Grand Officers				
	1920	1921	1922	1923
Grand Z.	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod	W. T. Coote
Grand H.	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod	W. T. Coote	J. E. Johnson
Grand J.	W. T. Coote	W. T. Coote	J. E. Johnson	S. H. Middleton
Grand Scribe E.	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	E. G. Ironside	E. G. Ironside
Grand Scribe N.	D. McIntosh	Jas. R. Flan	Jas. A. McGhee	E. C. Dunlop
Grand Prin. Soj.	Geo. B. McLeod	Jas. A. McGhee	R. G. Thomson	E. G. Ironside
Grand Treasurer	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	D. S. Braham
Grand Registrar	Jos. G. Morris	G. F. Butler	R. C. Rankin	W. C. Marsh
Grand Senior Soj.	W. C. Black	R. G. Thomson	Robt. Evans	G. W. Elliott
Grand Junior Soj.	J. E. Rannard	Alex. McKee	A. G. Finch	R. S. Davis
Grand Lecturer	M. M. Downey	S. F. Patterson	E. C. Dunlop	W. G. Evans
Grand Sword Bearer	W. D. Graham	J. W. G. Morrison	A. D. Campbell	N. T. Macleod
Grand M. 1st Veil	R. W. Maxley	W. E. M. Holmes	J. W. G. Morrison	J. S. Lambert
Grand M. 2nd Veil	D. C. McKenzie	A. C. Sloane	D. S. Braham	C. A. MacPherson
Grand M. 3rd Veil	R. L. McIveen	D. C. McDougall	P. R. Campbell	F. B. Watson
Grand M. 4th Veil	J. B. Sutherland	E. C. Locke	Peter Maclean	J. W. Oakes
Grand D. of C.	J. H. Green	E. M. Cawker	J. W. Oakes	C. W. Coppock
Grand Organist	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	F. B. Cooper	E. G. Lamb
Grand Pursuivant	J. R. Flan	E. G. Lamb	A. G. Aldridge	J. H. McNeill
Grand Steward	G. F. Butler	Alex. H. Duff	F. A. McEwan	W. A. Ackland
Grand Steward	M. M. Steele	R. P. Umbrite	H. C. Ritchie	Peter Maclean
Grand Steward	H. O. Haslam	C. W. McKinnon	H. W. B. Bell	L. S. Crosby
Grand Steward	Oliver Cowin	R. C. Rankin	W. D. King	H. C. Neal
Grand Tyler	J. J. Green	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	Robt. Orichton
				H. G. Morris
				John Duff
				Geo. W. Wright
				S. H. Davies

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued.)

Grand Officers	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Grand Z.	E. G. Ironside.	Wm. M. McNab.	Frederick S. Selwood	James R. Flan.	John W. G. Morrison.	James A. McChes.
Grand H.	Wm. M. McNab.	F. S. Selwood	James R. Flan.	John W. G. Morrison.	James A. McGhee.	Joseph V. Follett.
Grand J.	F. S. Selwood	Jas. R. Flan.	J. W. G. Morrison	James A. McGhee.	Joseph V. Follett.	Archibald West.
Grand Scribe E.	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	Clifford R. Wentzel.
Grand Scribe N.	D. W. Cotton	James Cleave	James B. Griffith	V. W. Wright	Matthew Robbins.	Frederick J. Hand
Grand Prin. Soj.	Ernest Ward	J. W. G. Morrison	Francis V. Truesdale	Chas. H. Minchin.	Archie West.	William Baxter
Grand Treasurer	Wm. C. Black	Wm. C. Black	William C. Black	William C. Black	William C. Black	William C. Black
Grand Registrar	Geo. D. Wallace	D. W. Cotton	George H. Travis	A. B. McCurdy.	Albert E. Portman.	W. Hudson Scott
Grand Senior Soj.	H. C. Neal	Philisk Pidgeon.	R. H. Norton	George A. Rounce.	W. Hudson Scott.	Andrew Davison
Grand Junior Soj.	Wm. H. Andrews	Thomas W. Bull	Percy Cull	F. J. Summerill	Frederick J. Hand	Christian Jungst.
Grand Lecturer	Jas. R. Flan	Chester A. Arthur	Cyril A. MacPherson	Cyril A. MacPherson	C. A. MacPherson.	Cyril A. MacPherson
Grand Sword Bearer	F. W. Tye	Ralph P. Umbrite	James Rennie	James R. Donaldson	Alfred Russell.	Russell A. Gowans
Grand M. 1st Veil	John Selkirk	Herbert P. Long	Alfred Brusso.	Nathaniel M. Conner.	Alexander Riddick	Alexander B. Mitchell
Grand M. 2nd Veil	F. M. Dillon	Clare C. Hartman	Frank Booth	Edward H. Mack	William V. Price	William F. Ferguson
Grand M. 3rd Veil	W. G. Niblock	George H. Travis	John B. Boese	John G. Odell	Leland W. Walkey	Leon F. Pinkerton
Grand M. 4th Veil	W. B. Way	James Rennie.	William E. Ward	Harold Henderson	Frank W. Keyte.	William H. Leadbetter
Grand D. of C.	Chas. Comba	Joseph V. Follett	Charles H. Minchin	Walter H. Smith	Peter A. Moncrief.	James Duncan
Grand Organist	W. A. Ackland	Fred N. Morris	William A. Ackland	Frederick B. Cooper	Frederick B. Cooper	Harry C. Neal
Grand Pursuivant	Jas. Hughes	Albert E. Wynne.	William J. Noble	John H. Richardson	Orrie W. Harris	John Hope
Grand Steward	G. E. Long	Frank Milne	John Arthur	James McDougal	Alexander G. Scott.	William H. Day
Grand Steward	J. B. McKerrrow	Vernon W. Parrish	George L. Gothard	Henry G. Smith	Wm. E. G. Anderson	Albert J. Taylor
Grand Steward	J. T. Cumberland	Donald McLean	Thos. A. Montgomery	Arthur Robinson	James H. Smith	Neils A. Boli
Grand Steward	W. H. Williams	William Baxter	Wesley T. Haynes	Ross A. Van Slyke	George Plasteras	Peter Cook
Grand Tyler	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	Septimus H. Davies	John L. Johnston.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

District No. 1	District No. 2	District No. 3	District No. 4	District No. 5	District No. 6
1914 Andrew R. Dickson.....	Thomas Frederick English.....	Robert Patterson.....			
1915 Henry I. Millar.....	Thomas Rankine.....	Robert Patterson.....			
1916 Hiram Darling.....	John Edgar Johnson.....				
1917 Daniel R. Cameron.....	William E. Lord.....	Charles W. Cook.....			
1918 J. A. Neff.....	Frederick S. Selwood.....	John F. Casteel.....			
1919 William J. Seed.....	Walter E. Mercer.....	William H. Doty.....			
1920 Robert C. Macdonald.....	William J. Stephenson.....	Mark B. Peacock.....	Thomas W. Bates.....		
1921 George S. Armstrong.....	William J. Haynes.....	Robert L. McIlveen.....	Oliver J. Cowin.....	John D. McDonald.....	
1922 John J. Green.....	George D. Wallace.....	William C. Black.....	James R. Fian.....	James E. Rannard.....	
1923 William M. McNab.....	Enos Charles Locke.....	Robert C. Rankin.....	Harold W. B. Bell.....	Harry O. Haslam.....	
1924 John W. G. Morrison.....	George H. Best.....	William E. M. Holmes.....	Frederick B. Cooper.....	Arthur G. Finch.....	
1925 George W. Elliott.....	Alexander M. McKee.....	Cyril A. MacPherson.....	James Cleave.....	Duncan C. McDougall.....	
1926 George W. Potter.....		William H. Hiscocks.....	Hugh Stainsleigh.....	Chester A. Arthur.....	
1927 H. Sandilands.....	Robert Taylor.....	Hugh C. Ritchie.....	Alexander Carr.....	George Pattinson.....	
1928 Roy M. Lambertson.....	Cuthbert Fowler.....	David J. Garnes.....	Orlando G. Craig.....	Thomas J. Cumberland.....	
1929 Raymond H. Norton.....	William S. Cameron.....	William B. Way.....	Charles Comba.....	Percy Cull.....	
1930 Archibald B. McCurdy.....	John G. Odell.....	George A. Rounce.....	George H. Travis.....	Robert E. Donkin.....	Frederick J. Summerill.....
1931 Finley B. Watson.....	James Rennie.....	James McDougall.....	Cuthbert T. Valentine.....	Thomas A. Montgomery.....	John H. Richardson.....

New Districts Organized

CHAPTERS BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

District No. 1

Grand Superintendent	R. E. Companion Finley B. Watson
No. 2 North Star.....	Edmonton
No. 6 Mount Horeb.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 14 Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 17 Mount Olivet.....	Killam
No. 25 Strathcona.....	Edmonton

District No. 2

Grand Superintendent,	R. E. Companion James Rennie
No. 19 Hiram.....	Youngstown
No. 23 Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 27 Eheyeh.....	Drumheller
No. 28 Hanna.....	Hanna

District No. 3

Grand Superintendent,	R. E. Companion James McDougall
No. 5 Golden West.....	High River
No. 11 Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 12 Keystone.....	Red Deer
No. 20 Banff.....	Banff
No. 22 Joseph Staufer.....	Didsbury
No. 24 Crescent.....	Calgary

District No. 4

Grand Superintendent,	R. E. Companion Cuthbert T. Valentine
No. 1 Alberta.....	Calgary
No. 9 Otuskwan.....	Calgary
No. 10 Bow Valley.....	Gleichen
No. 21 Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 26 Harmony.....	Bassano

District No. 5

Grand Superintendent,	R. E. Companion Thomas A. Montgomery
No. 3 Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat
No. 4 Shekinah.....	Lethbridge
No. 7 Bekah.....	Macleod
No. 8 Kether.....	Pincher Creek
No. 15 Hillvue.....	Hillcrest
No. 16 Tau Cross.....	Clareholm

District No. 6

Grand Superintendent,	R. E. Companion John H. Richardson
No. 13 Capital City.....	Edmonton
No. 18 Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 29 David Thompson.....	Jasper
No. 30 Edson.....	Edson

HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Companion Joseph F. Yorke.....	Saskatchewan
M. E. Companion Donald F. Adams.....	British Columbia
M. E. Companion George F. Burgess.....	Saskatchewan
M. E. Companion (Judge) Henry de Roche.....	Saskatchewan

HONORARY MEMBER

R. E. Companion George Syme Manitoba

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President—R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, Grand H.

M. E. Companion James A. McGhee, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion James N. Rankin	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Frederick S. Watson	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Robert Patterson	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Norman T. Macleod	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion George B. McLeod	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion William T. Coote	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion John E. Johnson	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion William M. McNab	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion James R. Flan	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison	P.G.Z.
R. E. Companion Archibald West	Grand J.
R. E. Companion Finley B. Watson	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion James Rennie	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion James McDougall	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Cuthbert T. Valentine	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Thomas A. Montgomery	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion John H. Richardson	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel	Grand Scribe E.
R. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Companion William C. Black	Grand Treasurer

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands	2 years
R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper	2 years
R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy	2 years
R. E. Companion George E. Cruickshank	2 years
R. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin	1 year
R. E. Companion George W. Elliott	1 year
R. E. Companion William B. Way	1 year
R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson	1 year

SUB-COMMITTEES

Grand First Principal's Address

M. E. Companion James N. Rankin, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Frederick S. Watson, Robert Patterson, Melvin M. Downey, Norman T. Macleod, George B. McLeod, William T. Coote, John E. Johnson, Samuel H. Middleton, Edwin G. Ironside, William M. McNab, Frederick S. Selwood, James R. Flan and John W. G. Morrison.

Credentials

R. E. Companion William C. Black, *Chairman*; R. E. Companions Henry Sandilands, Archibald B. McCurdy, Finley B. Watson, John

H. Richardson, James McDougall, Cuthbert T. Valentine, James Rennie and Thomas A. Montgomery.

Warrants

M. E. Companion William T. Coote, *Chairman*; M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey and John W. G. Morrison; R. E. Companions Archibald West, Frederick B. Cooper and Cyril A. MacPherson.

Audit and Finance

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, *Chairman*; R. E. Companions Cyril A. MacPherson, Charles H. Minchin, Frederick B. Cooper, Henry Sandilands, Archibald B. McCurdy and Joseph V. Follett.

Condition of Capitular Masonry

M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Edwin G. Ironside, Samuel H. Middleton and William M. McNab; R. E. Companions Joseph V. Follett, Archibald West and Frederick J. Hand.

Jurisprudence

M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Frederick S. Selwood, James R. Flan, George B. McLeod, William T. Coote and William M. McNab.

Grievances and Appeals

M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Norman T. Macleod and Melvin M. Downey; R. E. Companions Archibald West, George E. Cruickshank and George W. Elliott.

Benevolence

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Samuel H. Middleton, Melvin M. Downey and James R. Flan, and R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett.

Fraternal Dead

M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Samuel H. Middleton and William M. McNab; R. E. Companions William B. Way, John H. Richardson, James McDougall and Archibald West.

Foreign Correspondence

M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Melvin M. Downey, John E. Johnson, Edwin G. Ironside, Frederick S. Selwood and John W. G. Morrison.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Revision of Constitution

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R. E. Companions Cyril A. MacPherson, Thomas Rankine and Clifford R. Wentzel.

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Library Committee

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Edwin G. Ironside and Melvin M. Downey; R. E. Companions Archibald West and Clifford R. Wentzel.

Committee to Compile Decisions of Grand Chapter

M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Edwin G. Ironside and William M. McNab; R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on the Third Wednesday, being the 16th day of March, 1932.

C. R. WENTZEL,

Grand Scribe E.

809-9a Street N.W., Calgary.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Grand Chapter	Name	Address
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery, Mas. Temple.
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson, Box 238
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville, 100 Spring St.
British Columbia	John W. Prescott, G.S.E.	Vancouver, 603 Hastings St. W.
California	Thomas A. Davies	San Francisco, Rm. 423, Mas. Temple
Canada	Edwin Smith	Toronto, 708 Temple Bldg.
Colorado	William W. Cooper	Denver, Rm. 319, Mas. Temple
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Hartford, Mas. Temple, 201 Ann St.
Delaware	John W. Macklem	Wilmington, Box 94
District of Columbia	J. Claude Keiper	Washington, Mas. Temple
England	P. Colville Smith, G S E	London, W.C. 2, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen Street.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	John A. Bishop	Macon
Idaho	Edward H. Way	Boise, Box 1203
Illinois	James E. Jeffers	Springfield, Box 656
Indiana	Robert A. Woods	Princeton, Mas. Temple
Iowa	Orvis F. Graves	Harlan
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard, Gd. Reg.	Dublin, Freemasons Hall
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka, Masonic Grand Lodge Bldg.
Kentucky	G. Allison Holland	Lexington
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	New Orleans, Rm. 1302, Mas. Temple
Maine	Charles B. Davis	Portland, Mas. Temple
Manitoba	George Symes, G.S.E.	Winnipeg, Mas. Temple
Maryland	Gustav A. Eitel	Baltimore, Mas. Temple
Massachusetts	Raymond T. Sewall	Boston, Rm. 209, Mas. Temple
Michigan	Charles A. Connover	Coldwater, 95 W. Chicago St.
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul, Mas. Temple, 6th & Smith
Mississippi	Edward L. Faucette	Meridian
Missouri	Ray V. Denslow	Trenton
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena, Box 896
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Omaha, Rm. 401, Mas. Temple
Nevada	Frank R. King	Reno, Box 595
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hart	St. John, Masonic Temple
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord, 44 South Main St.
New Jersey	Charles D. McCracken	Lambertville, 5 Jefferson St.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque, Box 535
New South Wales	Frederick R. Sinden	Sydney, 160 Castlereagh St.
New York	Charles C. Hunt	New York City, Mas. Hall
New Zealand	Charles W. Nielsen	Wellington, Box 236
North Carolina	John B. Griggs	Elizabeth City, Box 365
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Nova Scotia	Brenton F. Porter	Truro, Box 135
Ohio	Mont C. Hambright	Springfield
Oklahoma	Ira B. Kirkland	Muskogee
Oregon	E. Rufus Cheney	Portland, Mas. Temple
Pennsylvania	Joseph E. Quinby	Philadelphia, Mas. Temple
Quebec	William W. Williamson, G.S.E.	Broad and Filbert Streets
Rhode Island	Wilbur A. Scott	Montreal, Box 3172
Saskatchewan	Francis B. Reilly, G.S.E.	Providence, 87 Weybosset Street
Scotland	George A. Howell, G.S.E.	Regina, 312 Westman Chambers
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Edinburgh, 76 Queen St.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Columbia
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Sioux Falls, Mas. Temple
Texas	Thomas M. Bartley	Nashville, Scottish Rite Temple
Utah	John M. Dunlap	Waco
Vermont	Arobie S. Harriman	Salt Lake City, Mas. Temple
Victoria	Charles K. Cahn, G.S.E.	Burlington, Mas. Temple
Virginia	James M. Clift	Melbourne, 164 Flinders St.
Washington	Wesley C. Stone	Richmond
West Australia	John C. Strickland, G.S.E.	Spokane, 412 Hyde Bldg.
West Virginia	George M. Ford	Perth, St. George's Terrace
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Wheeling, P.O. Box 643
Wyoming	Richard H. Repath	Milwaukee, 790 Van Buren St.
G. G. Chap. U.S.A.	Charles A. Connover	Cheyenne, Box 816
G. Lodge M.M.M.		Coldwater, 95 W. Chicago St.
England-Wales	T. G. L. Lumley-Smith	London, W.C., Mark Mason's Hall

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

Alabama.....	Robert E. Howard.....	Birmingham
Arizona.....	Everett H. McEachern.....	Miami
Arkansas.....		
British Columbia.....	John W. Prescott.....	Vancouver
California.....	Charles H. King.....	Sebastopol
Canada.....	John M. Empey.....	Mitchell, Ontario
Colorado.....	William S. Pickerill.....	Durango
Connecticut.....	Frederick E. Bartholmew.....	Lakeville
Delaware.....	John W. Macklem.....	Wilmington
District of Columbia.....	James A. West.....	Washington
Florida.....	James M. Wilson.....	Kissimmee
Georgia.....	Zach Arnold.....	Fort Gaines
Idaho.....	Kenneth E. McBride.....	Salmon City
Illinois.....	Andrew J. Schattgen.....	Jerseyville
Indiana.....	Robert M. H. Britton.....	Terra Haute
Iowa.....	Lewis J. Clarke.....	Jefferson
Ireland.....	William McMahon.....	Richill, Armagh
Kansas.....	La Velle C. Hicks.....	Salina
Kentucky.....	Samuel K. Veach.....	Carlisle
Louisiana.....	Leon A. Haas.....	Opelousas
Maine.....	W. Scott Shorey.....	Bath
Manitoba.....	Frederick L. Newman.....	Portage La Prairie
Maryland.....	Roy Danzer.....	Hagerstown, 437 Oakhill [Ave
Massachusetts.....	Robert W. Oliver.....	Charlestown
Michigan.....	Charles W. Mixer.....	Hastings
Minnesota.....	Frank H. McCuskey.....	Minneapolis
Mississippi.....	Thomas E. Moody.....	Grenada
Missouri.....	Claude L. Fichthorn.....	Marshall
Montana.....	David Craig.....	Conrad
Nebraska.....	Hayes Gsanter (Dr.).....	Omaha
Nevada.....	Charles P. Hoskins.....	Winnemucca
New Brunswick.....	Frederick M. Tweedie.....	Chatham
New Hampshire.....	William B. Randall.....	Portsmouth
New Jersey.....	William H. Pike.....	Newark
New South Wales.....	Charles Edward Abbott.....	Illawarra
New York.....	Roy H. Service.....	Dolgeville, 13 Howard St.
New Zealand.....	Robert W. Stiles.....	Nelson
North Carolina.....	J. Edward Allen.....	Warrenton
North Dakota.....	Walter R. Reed.....	Fargo
Nova Scotia.....	Fletcher H. Northup.....	Berwick
Ohio.....	Irving Stafford.....	Cleveland
Oklahoma.....	Edward P. Gallup.....	Oklahoma City
Oregon.....	Edwin L. Weider.....	Salem
Pennsylvania.....	Owen W. Metzger.....	Allentown
Quebec.....	W. J. Edwards.....	Cookshire
Rhode Island.....	Henry G. Heath.....	Hope Valley
Saskatchewan.....	James C. Moore.....	Regina
Scotland.....	William McVey.....	Portobello, 16 Park Ave
South Carolina.....	William A. Giles.....	Graniteville
South Dakota.....	Norris J. Hendrickson.....	Rapid City
Tennessee.....	Frank E. Bartley.....	Morristown
Texas.....	J. D. Starks.....	Floydada
Utah.....	Ernest A. Tripp.....	Salt Lake City
Vermont.....	Howard H. Shufelt.....	Burlington
Victoria.....	Charles T. Martin.....	South Yarra
Virginia.....	George C. Scarborough.....	Norton
Washington.....	Alex Frazier.....	Seattle
West Australia.....	Charles C. Bedelle.....	Perth
West Virginia.....	Lawrence G. Kincheloe.....	Clarksburg
Wisconsin.....	George W. Bell.....	Hudson
Wyoming.....	Walter B. Saunders.....	Gillette

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Alabama.....	James McDougal.....	Didsbury
Arizona.....	Frederick B. Cooper.....	Calgary
Arkansas.....	Oliver J. Cowin.....	Youngstown
British Columbia.....	Henry Sandilands.....	Edmonton
California.....	Mark B. Peacock.....	Calgary
Canada.....	Frederick S. Watson.....	Edmonton
Colorado.....	George A. Rounce.....	Calgary
Connecticut.....	Thomas Rankine.....	Calgary
Delaware.....	George W. Elliott.....	Edmonton
District of Columbia.....	John W. G. Morrison.....	Vermilion
Florida.....	George E. Cruickshank.....	Hillcrest
Georgia.....	James R. Donaldson.....	Bassano
Idaho.....	David J. Barnes.....	Calgary
Illinois.....	Robert C. Rankin.....	Calgary
Indiana.....	Archie West.....	Edmonton
Iowa.....		
Ireland.....	Charles H. Minchin.....	Calgary
Kansas.....	Francis V. Truesdale.....	Calgary
Kentucky.....	William S. Cameron.....	Drumheller
Louisiana.....	Alexander D. Campbell.....	Edmonton
Maine.....	Frederick S. Selwood.....	Calgary
Manitoba.....	George D. Wallace.....	Wetaskiwin
Maryland.....	Walter E. Mercer.....	Calgary
Massachusetts.....	William B. Way.....	High River
Michigan.....	James R. Flan.....	Calgary
Minnesota.....	Arthur G. Finch.....	Medicine Hat
Mississippi.....	Arthur Robinson.....	Edmonton
Missouri.....	Cyril A. MacPherson.....	Calgary
Montana.....	James Cleave.....	Calgary
Nebraska.....	Edwin G. Ironside.....	Calgary
Nevada.....	Percy Cull.....	Lethbridge
New Brunswick.....	Roy M. Lambertson.....	Edmonton
New Hampshire.....	Frederick J. Summerill.....	Edmonton
New Jersey.....	William T. Coote.....	Edmonton
New South Wales.....	Clifford R. Wentzel.....	Calgary
New York.....	George B. McLeod.....	Edmonton
New Zealand.....	Raymond H. Norton.....	Vermilion
North Carolina.....	John F. Casteel.....	High River
North Dakota.....	T. Frederick English.....	Calgary
Nova Scotia.....	George S. Armstrong.....	Edmonton
Ohio.....	William M. McNab.....	Edmonton
Oklahoma.....	Joseph V. Follett.....	Calgary
Oregon.....	James A. McGhee.....	Calgary
Pennsylvania.....	John H. W. S. Kemmis.....	Calgary
Quebec.....	G. Frank Butler.....	Calgary
Rhode Island.....	Archibald B. McCurdy.....	Edmonton
Saskatchewan.....	E. Charles Locke.....	Coronation
Scotland.....	Samuel H. Middleton (Rev. Canon).....	Cardston
South Carolina.....		
South Dakota.....	Harold W. B. Bell.....	Calgary
Tennessee.....	Norman T. Macleod.....	Lethbridge
Texas.....	John Odell.....	Hanna
Utah.....	William C. Black.....	Calgary
Vermont.....	Melvin M. Downey.....	Edmonton
Victoria.....	Arthur N. Saddington.....	Banff
Virginia.....	Thomas A. Montgomery.....	Medicine Hat
Washington.....	Donald M. McLean.....	Edmonton
West Australia.....	Percy Fielding.....	Mannville
West Virginia.....	Frederick J. Hand.....	Calgary
Wisconsin.....	William J. Haynes.....	Sedgewick
Wyoming.....	James H. Smith.....	Lethbridge

APPENDIX

REPORT *of* COMMITTEE *on* FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

FOREWORD

It has been said that the reviews written by Alberta are "a labor of love." To this we agree gladly, willingly and thankfully. While it is no mean task to present for publication a general review of the Proceedings of the many Grand Jurisdictions, it is worth while to be given the privilege of comparing notes with Chapters in the north, south, east and west. It is a matter of masonic education to know, to learn, to dig and delve, and thereby add to one's immature knowledge the mature judgments of the giants of the great Capitular scheme.

Reading the various Proceedings, it is noticed that some complain of the loss in membership and others of the general apathy regarding the Royal Arch. Some attempt to diagnose the apparent weaknesses; but, in the main, there is a concerted demand for leadership with a strong compelling driving force—a force that will place the individual Chapters in the category to which they rightly belong. This is tantamount to admitting that leadership in the past has been ineffective. More incessant than ever is the plea to hold high the standard, effect no compromise, but let the challenge ring out stern, clear and strong that the Royal Arch is the essence and the consummation of the mutilated symbolic ideal, which attempts the Alpha, but falls far short of the Omega. Realising this, each reviewer is keenly attuned to the spirit of the pioneer mentioned by Bro. Rudyard Kipling, where he infers there is—

"Something hidden, go and find it,
Go and look behind the ranges,
Something lost behind the ranges,
Lost and waiting for you, GO."

Thus may each Companion, like my fellow reviewers, also hear that whisper, and, like Kipling's Explorer, undeterred by any initial difficulties, Go—Seek—Find—that for which the Masonic world is looking.

SAMUEL H. MIDDLETON,
Chairman.

Of the Grand Chapter Proceedings received since the publication of our 1930 Proceedings those listed below have been reviewed:

Arizona.....	1930	New Hampshire.....	1930
California.....	1930	New Jersey.....	1930
Canada.....	1930	New Mexico.....	1928-1929-1930
Colorado.....	1930	New Zealand.....	1930
Connecticut.....	1930	North Carolina.....	1930
Delaware.....	1930	Nova Scotia.....	1930
England.....	1930	Oklahoma.....	1930
England and Wales M.M.M.	1930	Oregon.....	1930
General Grand Chapter U.S.	1930	Pennsylvania.....	1930
Georgia.....	1930	Quebec.....	1930
Idaho.....	1930	Queensland.....	1930
Illinois.....	1930	Rhode Island.....	1929-1930
Indiana.....	1930	Scotland.....	1931
Kansas.....	1928-1929-1930	South Carolina.....	1930
Manitoba.....	1930	South Dakota.....	1930
Massachusetts.....	1930	Tennessee.....	1930
Michigan.....	1930	Texas.....	1930
Missouri.....	1929-1930	Victoria.....	1930
Montana.....	1930	Washington.....	1930
Nevada.....	1930		

ARIZONA

The Fortieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held in the City of Douglas, on Tuesday, February 11th, 1930.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M. E. Companion Joseph A. E. Ivey, Grand High Priest, Alberta being represented by E. Companion E. M. McEachren, Grand Master of Second Veil.

The Grand High Priest in his annual address compliments his assisting officers and "those of our faithful companions found in every Chapter, who, without a murmur have quarried the rough ashlar, toiled in the trenches laying the foundation stones, and who have at all times been eager to put their shoulders to the wheel, many of whom have whispered those comforting words of encouragement into the ears of their officers which have spurred them on their way and resulted in the Chapters being, every one of them throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, on a solid foundation and in excellent shape for the coming year.

"Harmony and unanimity prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, and I am proud of all of our Chapters and of those red-blooded Companions who are toiling, heart and mind, in the rich treasure-strewn mines of Masonry's realm; bringing the blind by a way that they know not; leading them in paths that they have not known; and as these thoughts and lessons take root in the fertile soil of the hearts and minds of our new companions, they bud and blossom into foliage of love and kindness, and fruit of charity toward all mankind."

The Grand High Priest visited all of his twelve Chapters and found only one that is "having a struggle to get ahead."

We congratulate Arizona on this happy and prosperous state of affairs.

No correspondence report.

12 Chapters. 1,371 members. 93 gain.

J.E.J.

CALIFORNIA

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was held at Oakland, on April 8th and 9th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Angus L. Cavanagh, Grand High Priest presided:

Alberta worthily represented by M. E. Companion Charles H. King, Past Grand High Priest.

Five survivors of the 1906 earthquake and fire were in attendance.

In his address the Grand High Priest covers completely his great activities for the year. One reads between the lines and sees that he is an excellent organizer and a leader of men. Modest to a degree in speaking of his own work, he gives to others full praise for their efforts.

He declined to issue a dispensation for a new Chapter, saying "That some of the Chapters (in the country) are not thriving, that there are no sections beyond the reach of any Chapter, and that all candidates for Chapter Degrees can be accommodated in existing Chapters."

The perusal of M. E. Companion Cavanagh's report has given this Scribe considerable pleasure, as it is the statement of one whom we consider an ideal officer and leader.

Recognition was granted the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland.

We fail to find "Alberta" in the splendid Report of the Committee on Correspondence. (Companion Arthur A. Willoughby, Chairman.) The Report embodies the observations of an outstanding reviewer, and is concluded by a summary of "Dispensations" "Decisions" and "Some General Observations" that is brief and to the point.

130 Chapters. 26,756 members. Gain, 290.

J.E.J.

CANADA

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada (in Ontario) was held in the city of Toronto, Wednesday and Thursday, February 26th and 27th, 1930.

Grand Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM by the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Edwin Smith. He had the moral support of four Past Grand First Principals; even her fair daughter in Alberta boasts of a larger attendance of Past Grand First Principals. Alberta was not represented at the Roll call of Grand Representatives.

His Worship the Mayor of Toronto (a Companion of the Order) extended to the members of Grand Chapter the "freedom of the City." We wonder what this implied? Distinguished guests came from far and near. Massachusetts with its hoary wisdom; Michigan, bearing high the torch of progress; New York, maintaining its episcopal complacency; the General Grand Chapter, dignified with prestige and authority; Nova Scotia, carrying its salt-like breezes; Quebec, absorbing the traditions of its worthy host; The Sovereign Great Priory, proclaiming "In Hoc Signo Vinces"; Cryptic Rite, with an attendance of

illustrious companions; the Supreme Council 33rd Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, signifying the silken, yet strong thread of unbroken allegiance; and last, but not least, the Grand Lodge of Canada, indicating a strong and enduring foundation for so resplendent a superstructure. What other organization could bring together so many leaders representing the scintillating genius of such utter diversity of outlook? We can still hear the echoes of the refrain "It is good for us to be here."

Having had the pleasure of meeting the Grand First Principal during a recent trip to the Coast, we realize that he is one of Canada's "great" masons—the tone and tenor of his annual address measured up to standard in every detail. We note with gratitude that he granted a dispensation to attend Divine Service "where it was felt that it would be in the interests of Capitular Masonry,"

All the rulings indicate a thorough knowledge of the Royal Craft. The desire for masonic publicity seems to have permeated the ranks; and the Grand First Principal gives a gentle pull on the reins and says "It is not in keeping with Masonic dignity, to use Masonic insignias on automobiles." Far better to apply the brakes now than to express regrets at a later date.

The Grand First Principal takes eleven pages to describe his many visitations. Such represents not only a "work of love," but also one of great mental strain and physical endurance.

During the noon hour an address was given by Hon. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario.

Under the report of Grand Scribe E., we note that 329 copies of the new Ritual have been sold to other Canadian Jurisdictions. Pleased to say that Alberta was in the vanguard of its adoption, in order to establish uniformity throughout the Dominion.

Benevolence to the amount of \$3,050.00 was paid to deserving beneficiaries.

Under "Capitular Masonry" we read: "Our skies are bright, the past year has been one of almost perfect peace, distinguished by a quiet steady growth, increased usefulness and greater social and philanthropic effort." What a serene picture for old Ontario!

The review written by M. E. Companion Ponton is, as usual, par excellence. Nothing is overlooked, yet, withal, eloquence, wisdom and knowledge are combined in the report.

156 Chapters. 26,141 members.

S.H.M.

COLORADO

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held at Denver on September 18th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Sidney A. Knill, Grand High Priest.

Alberta's Representative was not present, but we note his activity in assisting the Grand High Priest during the year.

The Grand High Priest stated in his address that he had visited fifty of the fifty-one Chapters, impassable roads preventing him making the 100 per cent mark. A great worker and an efficient officer. Following are two paragraphs dealing with the duties of officers to their Chapters:

"Now, I want to just have a heart-to-heart talk with you companions assembled here this morning as the representatives of your home Chapters, and I want you to take home with you my thoughts as I express them to you and put them over to your officers and companions with the same force and earnestness that I appeal to you this morning.

"First, I want you to bear this in mind and say for me at your Annual Convocation that any companion who may be elected or appointed to any office in your Chapter is under no obligation to accept that office, but if he does and suffers himself to be installed, he thereby assumes the full responsibility of that office and should see that duties attached thereto are discharged to the best of his ability, and by your ability I mean that every officer should be able to recite the duties of his office as well as that office that comes next in rotation."

Many other good things might be quoted were space at our disposal.

"Alberta" is given a page and a half of kindly review by Companion H. W. Woodward, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee.

51 Chapters. 7,820 members. Loss, 149.

J.E.J.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was held at Hartford on May 13th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Lewis C. Hull, Grand High Priest.

E. Companion Frederick E. Bartholomew represented "Alberta."

Distinguished visitors were present from New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Quebec and from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The Grand High Priest in his address stated that he had visited the ten Chapters assigned to him. It would appear that each member of the Grand Council is expected to visit a stated number of the Chapters each year, so that by the time the officer has completed his term as Grand High Priest he has visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

One of the dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest was: "To hold Annual Convocation on second Thursday of April instead of the fourth Thursday as required by their By-laws"; the reason being "that they might have a *public* installation on the fourth Thursday." This, with other dispensations, was approved of by Grand Chapter.

What next? Possibly the "K. of C." or the "Ancient Order of Hod Carriers" will be invited to take charge of the installation ceremonies—and broadcast it over station WTIC!

The Grand High Priest wished to have the office of Deputy Grand High Priest abolished "considering that it lengthens the time, by one year, in the journey toward the Grand East of the Sanctuary." The Committee on Jurisprudence did not agree with the Grand High Priest in this change of constitution, nor did Grand Chapter.

In his twenty-second annual Review of other Chapters, M. E. Companion George A. Kies makes this practical statement on

"Losses of Members"

"Grand High Priests and reviewers generally discuss the recent yearly losses and make various suggestions as a remedy. Personally, we find encouragement in comparing the totals of United States statistics of 1909, when our gains were normal, with those of 1929, viz.: 1909, total Chapters, 3,090; total exaltations, 29,327. 1929, Chapters, 3,815; exaltations, 32,128. During these twenty years, the total membership has grown from 348,317 to 918,478, or nearly three-fold.

"In spite of our present eclipse, which at least relatively has occurred after every past war, is your reporter unjustified in optimistically predicting that ultimately we shall return to normalcy, and all will be well?

"Action is always followed by reaction."

Alberta 1929, under M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, is given two pages of friendly review and M. E. Companion Ironside's remarks in his review of North Carolina are quoted. The Report concludes with a valuable "Table of Statistics" of the membership of United States Grand Chapters.

46 Chapters. 16,657 members. Loss, 143.

J.E.J.

DELAWARE

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware was held at Wilmington on January 15th, 1930.

Being a Jurisdiction in a small State, they have only five Chapters.

Our Grand Representative, M.E. Companion John W. Macklem, is the Grand Secretary. General Grand High Priest Davis was represented by M. E. Companion Charles Hammel of New York.

The address of Grand High Priest Obadiah Clark is short. He reports a loss in membership during the year, but "does not think this is anything to be alarmed about, as we are passing through a period of readjustment." The Chapters have been doing the work in a very creditable manner.

In this Grand Chapter a companion who demits and remains demitted for a period of one year forfeits the right of visiting a Chapter.

R. E. Companion Thomas J. Day is the Fraternal Correspondent. He writes a concise, business-like Review.] Alberta's "Proceedings" failed to reach him.

5 Chapters. 1,887 members. Loss, 98.

E.G.I.

ENGLAND

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, London on Wednesday, February 5th, 1930. M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. Lord Amphill presiding.

The business transacted was purely of a routine nature.

Twelve petitions for charters for new Chapters were granted. An address on the Royal Arch was given by E. Companion Songhurst, which received hearty commendation from Lord Amphill. The singing of the National Anthem closed the meeting.

S.H.M.

ENGLAND

The Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter of England was holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on November 5th, 1930.

The officers and past officers present cover eight pages.

Deep sadness was cast over this meeting by the death of M. E. Companion Very Rev. Dean Brownrigg, who for sixteen years had been Third Grand Principal.

The Most Excellent the First Grand Principal appointed E. Companion Sir T. Courtenay Warner to be Third Grand Principal, and he was duly installed.

Five petitions for the formation of new Chapters were received: two in England, one in India, one in South Africa and one in Singapore.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland was recognized on the understanding that companions of English Chapters be allowed to visit Queensland Chapters, and that the Grand Chapter of England undertake to grant no charters for new Chapters within the Jurisdiction of Queensland other than for Chapters to be attached to Lodges remaining under the Grand Lodge of England.

No statistics are given and there is no Fraternal Review.

E.G.I.

ENGLAND AND WALES

Mark Master Masons

Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales were held in March, June and September, 1930, at Mark Masons' Hall, London.

Jubilee Jewels were sanctioned for Three Lodges, which had attained their fiftieth year.

Dutiful greetings were sent to the King on the anniversary of His Majesty's Birthday.

The Grand Honours were amended to eleven, nine, seven, five and three.

It was ordered that the Tracing Board be displayed when the Lodge is opened, but reversed at closing. Each meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem.

S. H. M.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

The Forty-first Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America was held in the City of Tacoma, Washington, on August 28th and 29th, 1930.

General Grand High Priest Davis presided.

Previous to the opening ceremonies, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington met in special convocation for the purpose of receiving and welcoming the officers and members of General Grand Chapter.

An eulogistic welcome was then extended by M. E. Companion Rowland in which he said: "Washington is a most wonderful State."

"From the wharves of Puget Sound annually go thousands of the finest steamers of the civilized world laden with our produce." "Tacoma has the second largest smelter in the United States." "Washington has an average wheat crop of 50,000,000 bushels, an apple crop of \$40,000,000 and tops all the States in egg and poultry production."

Truly "some record"—yet he failed to mention the climate. What an omission!

The address of the General Grand High Priest was mainly a resume of a triennium of unusual activity. He most emphatically asserts: "Nothing is wrong with Masonry, if anything is wrong, it is with us."

The General Grand Chapter is wide in its ramifications, extending from Florida to Alaska and from the Atlantic seaboard to Honolulu, even to Shanghai, China.

The report of Companion Stockwell (well known in Alberta), dealing with the Educational Bureau, centres around the suggestions of the late M. E. Companion Kuhn, who was a deep student of Freemasonry in all its branches. The appointment of an executive secretary with a vigorous and enthusiastic personality was recommended. The next triennium report will apparently indicate the results obtained therefrom.

John M. Neilson, of Concordia, Kansas, was elected General Grand High Priest, and we were doubly pleased with the election of M. E. Companion Spottswood, of Missoula, Montana, as General Grand Master of the First Veil.

The next triennial is to be held in the City of Washington, D.C., in 1933.

S. H. M.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia was held in the City of Macon on April 30th and May 1st, 1930.

M. E. Companion William B. Graham, Grand High Priest.

E. Companion Zach Arnold represented "Alberta."

Many distinguished visitors were introduced and received.

During a short recess, one of the boys from the Masonic Home addressed the Grand Chapter in a manner which would be creditable in one of more mature years.

The Grand High Priest opened his splendid record of the year's attainments with the following beautiful thought:

"In the providence of the 'Great I Am,' my companions, we are permitted to meet once more in Annual Convocation, to raise our 'Holy Royal Arch' as it was closed, in 'Peace, Love and Unity.' That Providence which has thus preserved our lives, and through whose munificent ministries our numerous and varied wants have been supplied, demand our adoring gratitude for the past and challenges our unhesitating trust for the years to come. 'For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.'

"If there be an organization on earth, outside the Church of God, that, without presumption, may lay claim to being the child of Providence, our ancient and noble order may do so in the broadest sense. Not only did it have its birth far back in the period that preceded the Christian era, but amid circumstances which marked its origin, as they stamped its mission, essentially providential.

"The principles upon which it is founded and the virtues which it so earnestly and universally inculcates and enforces, as well as its wonderful—not to say miraculous—preservation through so many centuries of unparalleled vicissitudes, furnish incontrovertible proof of the fastness and truth of this high claim. Hence, he who, with vows of our ancient and honorable Order upon him, withholds from God the gratitude due for life preserved and its ministries continued, is atheistic at heart and unmasonic in character. Therefore, companions, lifting our thoughts and affections far above the 'Holy Royal Arch' which we have raised, let us repeat: 'For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.'

"As in individual human lives the record of the doings and experiences of the years as they pass, go to the book, kept in the archives of the great Temple above, whose pages neither invite nor admit of revision, so—very largely—is it with the doings of organizations like ours. What we have written on the pages of the past we have written; what we have done in years of the past we have done; and we can neither unwrite nor undo. This, however, we can and ought to do: to retrospect, in that spirit of candor that will neither exaggerate our successes nor depreciate our failures in the past, but that will give to each that wise consideration in which is both pledge and prophecy of a brighter and more successful future, and if our Annual Convocations have any lofty aim or worthy purpose, this it is. With this purpose in view, let us address ourselves to the consideration of the condition of our noble Order at home and abroad. It affords me pleasure to say that I regard the outlook of Capitular Masonry in Georgia hopeful and encouraging."

He recalled that forty-six years ago (1884) his father was Grand High Priest of Georgia—"a worthy son of a worthy father."

One delights in reading of "duty well done," and, because of this, we quote the Grand High Priest in his remarks on

"Grand Secretary-Lecturer, A. G. Miller

"The Grand Chapter of Georgia is to be congratulated on having a Grand Secretary who is so well qualified to discharge the duties of his office and who does so efficiently and cheerfully. He has his heart in his work and is fully competent to do the work of his office. Information can be had from him at any time with reference to what is being done in Capitular Masonry in Georgia. He is thoroughly conversant with all the details of the office and is always glad to give any information for which he may be asked. Universally courteous and polite to every one, he is a perfect Christian gentleman and a true Mason in every sense of the word. It is a genuine pleasure to go in his office at any time, as he gives every one a hearty welcome and is always glad to meet his Masonic brethren there. I am under many and lasting obligations to him for his assistance to me, as he has been a great help to me in my work.

"Occupying the dual office of Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, his duties are hard and keep him busy all the time, but he has never been too busy to help me when needed and it has been greatly needed a great many times. I appreciate more than I can say all he has done for me."

"Queensland" was recognized.

Georgia's Educational Loan Fund is doing good work.

"Alberta" 1929 has a full page of favourable review.

164 Chapters. 15,438 members. Loss, 692.

J.E.J.

IDAHO

The Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho was held at Blackfoot on May 13th, 1930.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion Roy V. Locey, was present.

General Grand High Priest Charles Clark Davis was a distinguished visitor.

The attendance of the Chapter officers seemed small—there were present only 24 from 23 Chapters. However, there was a goodly number of Past High Priests and Past Grand High Priests on hand. Idaho is a Rocky Mountain state and the lines of travel are few and difficult.

The address of Grand High Priest Alonzo Cone is full of interest. He describes in detail a complete round of visitations by motor to all Chapters, except one, commencing on September 27th and ending on November 8th. He was accompanied by the Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion Leimberger. This zeal no doubt proved of much benefit to the Chapters. One Chapter failed to muster a quorum and the Committee on Chartered Chapters evidently considered the officers

were careless and took them to task severely for "a lack of Masonic courtesy to that high office," recommending that when a Chapter received notice of such visits, it either produce a quorum or state its inability to do so.

The Grand Lecturer reports "the Chapters are, generally speaking, in good condition."

The Grand Lecturer, while visiting, receives \$5.00 a day; Grand Chapter pays his railroad fare and the local Chapter looks after his expenses while he is with them.

The Grand Chapter of Queensland was given recognition.

From the Report on Necrology we cull this beautiful verse:

"To our departed companions we say 'Good night.'
Thou hast taken up thy lamp and gone to bed.
I stay a little longer, as one stays
To cover up the embers that still burn."

The Committee on Chartered Chapters consider that the amount of uncollected dues is much too large and would prefer a loss in membership, rather than carry so much "frozen assets." (This is sound business.)

The Constitution was amended to read that no applicant can petition for degrees or membership unless he is in good standing in some Craft Lodge.

The Fraternal Review is by E. Companion Frank C. Burroughs, and is his first. It makes good reading as his style is breezy and his comments pointed but good. He says, "the Reviewers' round table are a critical bunch with mean dispositions." We know he does not mean this, for, later, in one of his Reviews, he says "that criticism is the spice of life." At any rate, he becomes one of us, and his comments are not always mild. We will look with pleasurable anticipation for his next Review.

We quote some of his excerpts:

Under Arkansas: the Grand High Priest says, "Our young people are drunk on pleasure. This is indeed the Padlock Age. If you have an auto, you had better lock it, day or night. Some of the most atrocious crimes are committed by the youth of our land. The natural bloom and rosy cheeks of our fair maidens are fading; modern dance, jazz, midnight reveling, cigarette smoking, autoing, is rapidly carrying them to moral decay. The Church has no appeal. A clarion call is made to every Royal Arch Mason to join in the conflict to better the condition of civilization." Companion Burroughs' comment is, "Migosh! That's certainly awful."

Under Canada: a committee says of Chapter Principals, "Frequently too much thought is given to rank and title, instead of a loftier ambition of becoming responsible leaders of the Chapter. How insignificant a Mason is he who shirks his duty and imposes on the goodness of his predecessors by seeking their aid to do his work because he himself lacks interest."

Under Iowa: the Grand High Priest chastizes some Chapter officers in these words—"In some cases the officers cannot even read their parts, and a few Secretaries should resign for the good of the Order."

He gives Alberta a short friendly review.

23 Chapters. 2,591 members. Net loss, 94.

E.G.I.

ILLINOIS

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois was held at Chicago on October 30th and 31st, 1930.

Our Grand Representative, M. E. Companion Andrew J. Schattgen, was present when Grand Representatives were received with Grand Honors.

There was a big attendance of this, the largest Grand Chapter in the United States, but when we consider that each companion receives \$7.00 each day he attends, as well as 10c for each mile travelled, no wonder the numbers are large. In Alberta each pays his own travelling expenses, unless his Chapter does so, and the distances are not short and generally the auto roads are only gravelled.

The distinguished visitors included M. E. Companions Ray V. Denslow (Grand Secretary) of Missouri; Roy Andrus, of Michigan; Chas. C. Davis (Past General Grand High Priest) and W. M. Comstock (Grand High Priest) of Wisconsin.

The Grand High Priest, David S. Davidson, in his address, reports that he had no decisions to render and no Chapter or companion to discipline, which speaks volumes for the 242 Chapters. In this Jurisdiction the Grand High Priest depends on his Grand Lecturers and Grand Inspectors to visit the Chapters and report to him at intervals. Grand Examiners conduct Schools of Instruction, which are said to be very effective. M. E. Companion Davidson believes (quite correctly) that the best way to arouse interest and keep up attendance is by the correct and intelligent rendition of the different degrees. He praises the good work of the District Inspectors. One of his visits was to the Illinois Masonic Old People's Home. Grand Chapter maintains the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at this Home. He paid visits to seventeen Chapters, as well as to General Grand Chapter.

The twenty-seven Inspectors give short conclusive Reports. Most of them state that conditions are good, but a few reports were unfavorable.

Grand Secretary James E. Jeffers, who must have a man-sized job, reports that the loss in membership is greater than last year. The Committee on Chartered Chapters find that fifty per cent of those suspended this year were exalted during 1919, 1920 and 1921. Also that ten Grand Chapters of Canada as a whole show a small gain, whereas the whole of the United States shows a heavy loss. They say the Reviewers and others make no attempt to explain why the number of exaltations has diminished each year in far greater proportion than the suspensions have increased. They believe "we are living in altogether a different age from that of a decade or so ago; today we not only have an agricultural and industrial overproduction, but also an overproduction of dishonesty, crime and murder never before known in this land. Extravagance and luxury beyond reason are the ambition of a majority. In the face of these conditions the hearts of men grow weary in well doing, they become skeptical and indifferent of each other, a condition not conducive to social contacts which involve any sort of moral support and there is a disinclination on the part of the individual to join a fraternity founded on the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Until there is improvement can we expect to grow?"

Grand Chapter was favored with an excellent oration by the Grand Chaplain, E. Companion (Rev.) A. A. McCracken. We quote, "Ma-

sonry calls men to come out under the sunlight of God's smile into the realm of the spirit where he rises from the beastly into the spiritual stature of Godlike nobility."

Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull gives us his twelfth Fraternal Review. He is an exceptional member of the Round Table, for his Review is much better than the average. We wish we had space to reproduce his many comments and quotations. In his Foreword he tells of one Service Committee in a Chapter "who found many Masons decidedly hazy as to Masonic Bodies and their degrees and as they had never been asked to continue their progress in these degrees, concluded that they were not wanted."

In General Grand Chapter M. E. Companion Charles Clark Davis declared that the only "losses" were those occasioned by death. The others were "erasures of those who failed to catch the real spirit of Capitular Masonry." (This is a unique and generous way of putting it.) Alberta is given over two pages of fine favorable review with several quotations from the Address of M. E. Companion Selwood and from the Foreign Correspondence Report.

242 Chapters. 86,965 members. Net loss, 2,431.

E.G.I.

INDIANA

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indiana was held in the City of Richmond, on October 22nd, 1930.

M. E. Companion William Harvel Baugh, Grand High Priest, presided, and was supported by sixteen Past Grand High Priests.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion Robert M. H. Britton.

One hundred and thirteen chapters, out of a total of one hundred and sixteen, had representatives present.

The Proceedings had the photos of a number of the present Grand Officers as well as a sketch of the lives of the Grand High Priest and his successor.

Distinguished guests were present from, Ohio, Missouri, and from the affiliated Masonic Bodies of Indiana.

In the address of the Grand High Priest we excerpt: "But much will depend upon those who are at the head of the different Chapters. It is their duty to exemplify the work in an impressive manner and strive to their utmost to keep the members interested, that they too may work in making our organization bigger and better, so that others may join us in the great work that Masonry is doing for the brotherhood of man."

Further, M. E. Companion Baugh, in speaking on the losses in membership, referring to many other attractions says: "How shall we overcome this? We do not know: No one seems to know. But we have the hope that conditions will change and that somewhere we

shall find those who have qualities of leadership to bring us out of darkness into light. Until then we must not lose faith but resolve to carry on to the best of our ability."

The Grand High Priest arrested the charter of Huntington Chapter for railroading candidates through. A number of violations of the regulations were broken. Grand Chapter approved of his action.

We excerpt from the conclusion of his address: "Notwithstanding our losses in membership it is felt that real progress has been made and that the outlook is bright. We are confident that Royal Arch Masonry at home and abroad will continue to grow and be an ever increasing force for good in the world. Our glory is not in numerical strength but in the quality of life and service. My prayer is that the vital teachings of the Chapter may be your inspiration to renewed activity. Let us all labor to this end."

M. E. Companion Robert A. Woods, in his report on Foreign Relations, recommended the recognition of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland. Report was adopted.

It is with pleasure we read the review by the Grand Secretary, who is also Correspondent. We have recollections of his writing on the Alberta question some fifteen years ago. In writing on the losses in membership, in the introduction of the review he says: "Most of us have been deluding ourselves with the belief that the peak had been reached. The above figures belie that conclusion in a most startling manner. It brings home to us the necessity of trimming our sails for rough weather. It is not child's play but a task for big men with foresight and determination. My opinion of last year that the essential thing needed was leadership, still stands. We need leadership to bring the blind neophyte, the new member, from darkness to light along the rough and rugged paths of Capitular education and interest in its welfare. We need leadership to bring back the old member to his almost forgotten haunt and to a new realization what the institution stands for. We need leadership to instill genuine interest and determination to win in the Companions who, while more or less punctual in attendance, still lack the incentive to work. We need leadership all along the line and until we get it we may be expected to be disappointed in results. Companions, it is up to you. What are you going to do about it?"

In his review Companion Wood gives three pages to Alberta.

At the close of Grand Chapter there was a session of the Order of Anointed High Priests.

116 Chapters. 31,564 members. Loss 912.

M. E. Companion Troy L. Puckett, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Robert A. Woods, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

M.M.D.

KANSAS

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the state of Kansas was held in Topeka on February 20th, 1928.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion James E. McClelland.

"Alberta" represented by E. Companion LaVelle C. Hicks, Grand Lecturer.

In a splendid address the Grand High Priest gives a fine lucid account of his activities during the year. We would quote freely if space permitted, but must content ourselves with the following excerpts:

"There is no denying the fact that some few years ago we let the bars down' to accommodate the vast number of petitions that were presented, and admitted to our membership those who were carried away with the stress of the times. I am not conveying anything of a derogatory or detracting nature against the personnel of those petitioners or against any one exalted during the *sturm und drang* that threw this country into armed camps, nor of that restorative period immediately following. The personnel of those petitioning was *sans reproche*. However, time has proven that the major portion of those admitted were not imbued with the proper Masonic spirit necessary to assimilate the teachings and precepts of Capitular Masonry. They were watch-charm Masons, so to speak, Masons in name only, and will never become the true representative Mason typifying Masonic ideals.

"The suspension of this class for non-payment of dues is increasing each year, and it will continue until the tare is separated from the wheat and the dross from the gold. When this has been accomplished Capitular Masonry will then return unto its own."

"Secretaries must stand censured to a great extent for this condition, for it appears to me that the burden rests wholly upon them for collection of dues and the maintenance of their membership lists. The active Secretary, from personal observations, is the one with the least percentage of delinquents charged to his Chapter."

"During the past year there has come to my office from the four quarters of the United States, various and divergent requests for Masonic aid, both moral and financial.

"My desk appeared to be a dumping ground for letters with impassioned pleas for the active sponsoring of some *ignis fatuus* born of puerile minds, or for the passive support of this Grand Chapter in lending its name for the furtherance of seemingly personal aggrandizement and pecuniary benefit to organizations and individuals. Nothing appeared to merit my consideration, let alone the deliberation of this august body. Our exchequer is still unscathed by these various onslaughts; our problems are still domestic, not exotic; the fair name of Royal Arch Masonry of Kansas is not as yet bedizened on circulars, pamphlets, or brochures."

R. E. Companion Albert K. Wilson, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence opens his Report with the following appropriate remarks on "Loss of Membership":

"The net loss, as disclosed by the membership tables, is unequalled, and in fact unheard of in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry, and yet it is no surprise to one who reads the addresses of many of those placed at the head of Capitular Masonry in the several Grand Jurisdictions, as from a careful perusal of the addresses one can glean little to create interest, and if interest lags and the companions get the idea that 'nobody cares' it is only a question of time when they will either demit or allow their dues to lapse until they are eventually suspended.

"The one at the head of Capitular Masonry in each jurisdiction must put his heart and soul into the work, visit the Chapters under his control, get the High Priests interested, and lend a helping hand wherever needed in bringing about a revival of the true spirit of Royal

Arch Masonry, especially in Chapters where the interest is dormant and the beautiful lessons have been forgotten.

"The 'Proceedings' in many cases are replete with accounts and descriptions of social visits made by Grand High Priests, not only in their own jurisdiction but in others, and in recounting these sumptuous occasions they frequently offer as an excuse for not visiting more of their own Chapters that they did not have sufficient time owing to business—professional or personal—or other reasons over which they had no control. If the time and effort spent in visiting other Grand Jurisdictions and purely social gatherings in the larger Chapters were devoted to the weaker Chapters in their own jurisdiction this appalling net loss would not have been recorded.

"To the deep thinker and the one who actually has the interests of Capitular Masonry at heart, the time is at hand when those occupying these exalted stations must take less interest in purely social functions and outside associations, as well as organizations predicated their membership on Freemasonry, and put forth an honest and conscientious effort in the cause which has so signally honored them.

"Accepting the highest office within the gift of his companions is in a measure not unlike assuming the responsibilities at the head of a commercial business or other important enterprise, and in order for a Grand High Priest to make a success of his administration the same untiring efforts and strict adherence to detail and policy must be employed."

Alberta (1927) under M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, is given more than a page of favorable comment.

96 Chapters. 21,692 members. Loss, 63.

J.E.J.

KANSAS

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kansas was held in the York Rite Temple, in the City of Wichita, on February 18th, 1929. M. E. Companion Robert H. Montgomery, Grand High Priest presided.

Alberta's Grand Representative was present in the person of the Grand Lecturer, E. Companion La Velle C. Hicks.

There were twelve Past Grand High Priests respent.

The Grand High Priest's address covered fifteen pages of the Proceedings. We excerpt from the address:

"Studying Masonry is like looking at the sunrise—it dazzles us with its splendor. It started in the grey dawn of the world's morning and has grown almost in every land. It holds no aristocracy except brains and heart and service. It spreads no crime, but writes a brother's faults in the sand and his virtues in marble. It lends a helping hand to widows and orphans and covers the mistakes of mankind with the cloak of charity.

"We have a splendid history worthy of emulation. Ours to interpret Masonry in Master-like living after the pattern of the lowly Nazarene; ours to eliminate vice and exalt virtue; ours to light the gospel lamps of immortality for the night when hope burns dimly in the soul

and the shadows of the valley gather; ours to bind the broken hearts of widows and orphans and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world; ours to spread the cement of love and be bound together in the bond of Brotherhood. This is our work, the task the angels might covet. Our aims are high our symbols true, our doctrine scriptural. Every true Mason must believe in God, the Bible and immortality. We believe there is a Lodge Supreme where the faithful Mason shall receive a reward for work well done, on the square and on the level. Call Masonry philosophy, or science or religion, call it what you please, it meets the crying need of human hearts. We are proud of our origin and history and symbols, and our prayer is 'That we may wear and live them worthily among men'."

To save needless expense, the visits of the Grand Lecturer will be discontinued to those Chapters which are doing well, and efforts will be centered on those doing poor or indifferent work by visits to these Chapters or by group or district meetings. This is working along right lines.

Perhaps the most important event in Kansas during this year was the retirement of R. E. Companion Albert K. Wilson, who has been Grand Secretary for almost a quarter of a century. The writer of this has very pleasant memories of correspondence when he was Grand Scribe E. during the years 1914-15-16. R. E. Companion Wilson was elected Grand Secretary Emeritus at the same salary. This shows appreciation for a very worthy man. He will devote his time to writing a history of Masonry in the State of Kansas.

It was a unique occasion when the new Secretary, R. E. Companion Elmer F. Strain, was installed as Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand High Priest concludes his address as follows: "And now, companions, as I come to close this report, I am reminded that all of life's tokens are not funeral flowers or grave-strewn sprigs of evergreen for often they have given me the button bouquet of appreciation and love. In the halls of memory I shall always treasure the evergreen wreaths of friendship, not dead but living, which shall bind me closer to the many Chapters scattered over the dearest State in the Union—the Sunflower State. . . . As I lay down my mantle today, my hope and prayer is that a double portion of the True Spirit of Masonry may fall upon my successor that he may carry the work on to a greater perfection."

The Order of High Priesthood held a session at the close of Grand Chapter.

Alberta is not reviewed. In the general review R. E. Companion Wilson takes issue with Pennsylvania regarding the Past Master's degree. In our opinion it will be better when all Grand Chapters abolish the system of making the Past Master degree a pre-requisite to the Royal Arch. We are pleased to note that Companion Wilson will remain as Correspondent.

For the first time in the history of Kansas the suspensions exceed the exaltations.

96 Chapters. 21,308 members. Loss, 384.

M. E. Companion Fred T. Nye, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Elmer F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

R. E. Companion Albert K. Wilson, Correspondent.

M. M. D.

KANSAS

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kansas was held in the City of Topeka, on February 17th, 1930.

The M. E. Companion Fred T. Nye, Grand High Priest, presided.

Alberta was represented by the Grand Lecturer, E. Companion La Velle C. Hicks.

There were fifteen Past High Priests present as well as two officers from the General Grand Chapter.

The new law went into effect regarding the non-payment of dues which resulted in a net loss of 1,154 in membership. To Alberta the new law appears to be along the right line, and will have the effect of stabilizing Royal Arch Masonry in Kansas. Chapters should have an annual day of reckoning.

The District or Group Meetings of Chapters are not meeting with entire support. We excerpt from the Grand High Priest's report:

"At my direction the Grand Lecturer visited several of the weaker chapters and gave them instructions in the work, he also visited a few chapters that were not included in the groups on account of the distance they would have to go to attend the meeting.

"Reviewing the reports of the Grand Lecturer for the past year. I have concluded that group meetings as a rule do not receive the support they should from the officers and members of the various chapters, and that a return to the former custom of having the Grand Lecturer visit the chapters individually would prove more profitable to them. Under the group system the Grand Lecturer can only check the books and paraphernalia of the chapter where the meeting is held, and if this system is continued, it will become necessary to devise some way to have the chapters where group meetings are not held visited at intervals by the Grand Lecturer or some other qualified companion, in order that the books may be checked and the Grand Chapter be advised as to the true condition of each chapter."

The Grand Lecturer's expenses were \$1,532.45.

In the consideration of a new Chapter, the Grand High Priest reports the following correspondence:

"After considering the request of Companion Miller I wrote in substance as follows on May 27th, 1929:

My dear Companion:

I have received your letter of May 18th relative to the establishing of a new Chapter at Greenburg, Kansas.

I have given this matter serious consideration, but do not think it would be just the right thing to do to establish another chapter so close to Bucklin. Bucklin Chapter, No. 49, has been having a hard time to keep going, they now have 56 members on their roll, and to take part of their territory away from them would no doubt work a hardship on them. I would suggest that the Masons of Greenburg who desire to take the Chapter degrees, make applica-

tion to Bucklin Chapter which is only a short distance from Greenburg; they should have no trouble getting over there to attend the Chapter meetings.

With kindest regards, I am
Fraternally,

FRED T. NYE,
Grand High Priest."

Rare good judgment. That policy will strengthen weak Chapters.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred at the close of the Grand Chapter proceedings.

In the review of Foreign Correspondence, Companion Wilson introduces the report as follows:

"When compared with the corresponding table presented last year it will be observed that the net loss this year is more than double. The largest net loss in any one jurisdiction last year was less than 1,000 while this year it will be observed that this number is exceeded by two jurisdictions—Missouri and Virginia; Georgia stands third in order of net loss and many others scored almost an equal number.

"In a review of the Proceedings and an analysis of the probable causes for the conditions existing in Capitular Masonry today this writer finds nothing has developed to change the situation, but on the other hand he feels that the lack of interest of those who are elevated to the position of Grand High Priest is increasing each year, and as intimated in this report heretofore this phase is undoubtedly largely accountable for the increasing losses in Capitular Masonry."

This appears rather startling. We read the review with much interest. Companion Wilson was liberal in his review of Alberta quoting quite freely from our Proceedings of 1928.

96 Chapters. 20,154 members. Loss, 1,154.

M. E. Companion Otto R. Souders, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Elmer F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

R. E. Companion Albert K. Wilson, Correspondent.

M.M.D.

MANITOBA

The Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held at Winnipeg on February 5th, 1930.

At the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives, M. F. Companion Frederick L. Newman answered for Alberta.

The distinguished visitors were Grand High Priest William Hall of North Dakota; R. E. Companion A. E. Cantalon, Grand Scribe of Minnesota; and M. E. Companion Joseph R. Yorke, Grand First Principal of Saskatchewan.

The Address of M. E. Companion Reid, Grand First Principal, is short and of interest chiefly to his own companions. He visited

eleven of the sixteen Chapters, these being the country ones, which, no doubt, needed his presence most. He was present at the District Meeting in Winnipeg and attended the Convocations of the Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan, Minnesota and North Dakota. He reports that all work he witnessed in the Chapters "was done in a thoroughly efficient manner and everywhere interest in our Order is acute and fraternal sentiment very fine." He has a good word for the inter-changing of fraternal visits.

He recommends that a committee be appointed for the purpose of entertaining such distinguished visitors as may come to Winnipeg during the year, and that a sum of money be voted for this purpose. (We think this is a fine idea, and Grand Chapter did, too.) Another recommendation approved was "That a model Code of By-laws for Chapters be adopted."

Each of the three Grand Superintendents submitted a report of his doings. The Grand Superintendent of District No. 3 passed to his eternal reward on November 13th and a beautiful eulogy was delivered at his funeral by Worshipful Brother W. D. Lawrence. The title of Past Grand Superintendent was conferred on him, posthumously. We often think the reports of the Grand Superintendents are long and too full of detail, but that of R. E. Companion Craw, of District No. 2, can not be said to be verbose, as it occupies only half a page. He visited three Chapters. He states, "By consent of the various Chapters, the District Meeting was dispensed with." We wonder who made the proposal to dispense with it. In Alberta this meeting is the *Convocation* of his year. However, his services must have been satisfactory as Grand Chapter gave him the rank of Past Grand Superintendent.

A notice of motion was given to amend the Constitution, that "The jurisdiction of every Chapter shall be in the city or town in which the Chapter is held. All other territory shall be concurrent jurisdiction." This seems to be something unusual and we cannot say that we like it. Will it not be apt to cause considerable journeying of applicants?

We fail to find a report from Grand Scribe E., although the Auditors give a report on his financial affairs. Grand Scribe E. is the one who is in continuous touch with all Chapters and Grand Chapter affairs and his views are desirable, and we are sure R. E. Companion George Syme's opinions would be well worth while. We remember, with pleasure, his visit to our Grand Chapter Convocation in March last.

R. E. Companion John Parton gives a good concise Fraternal Review. Evidently Alberta's "Proceedings" did not reach him as it is not mentioned. He states that reviewers in the United States comment on the fact that there is no decrease in membership throughout the Grand Chapters of the British Empire.

Portraits of M. E. Companions J. C. Walker Reid (1929) and W. M. Bentley (1930) adorn the front pages of the "Proceedings."

16 Chapters. 1,820 members. Net gain, 27.

E.G.I.

MASSACHUSETTS

(The copy of Proceedings for 1930 contains the account of quarterly convocations. Alberta appears to have been represented on several occasions.)

The Thirty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at Boston on Tuesday, December

9th, 1930. The Grand Chaplain opened the meeting with prayer. The morning and afternoon sessions were set aside for the exemplification of the Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Degrees. Why the "Past Master" Degree should still be retained in conjunction with the Capitular Degrees is a matter of conjecture. Conservative bodies, however, move slowly.

Massachusetts appears to have the faculty of producing revenue much better than many Grand Chapters, for under the Grand Secretary's report we read--

"Fees, 97 Chapters at \$6.00 each, \$582.00.

Per capita 40,110 members at 10 cents, \$4,011.00.

Candidates, 683 at \$5.00 each, \$3,415.00."

We incorporate this for our friends to -- "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest."

A loss in membership for the year to the extent of 816 causes the Grand High Priest to utter due and timely warning.

Seven dispensations were issued to attend Divine Service. With us this is vetoed, being under the command of the Grand Lodge.

When the Grand High Priest and officers attended the General Grand Chapter at Tacoma, they travelled "through that wonderland of the Great North-West and received courtesies from the Grand Chapter of Alberta during the brief stop at Calgary." Such recorded remembrances are heartily reciprocated.

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a "Paul Revere Medal" thereby indicating a recognition of distinguished service.

The "Capitular Review" is written by Companion Sewall, who deals very kindly with Alberta. His commendation of procedure and quotation of the "Foreword" is appreciated.

118 Chapters. 40,926 members.

S.H.M.

MICHIGAN

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan was held in the City of Kalamazoo, on May 21st, 1930.

M. E. Companion Albert L. Trebilcock presided, and was supported by eighteen Past Grand High Priests.

We are sorry to note the absence of Alberta's Representative, E. Companion Charles W. Mixer.

Distinguished visitors were received from Canada (in Ontario), New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Indiana, as well as the Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Michigan.

An historic gavel was presented to the Grand High Priest by his own Chapter. The gavel was made from the wood of one of the trusses which had been removed from the White House when it was under-

going reconstruction. Twenty-six Presidents lived in the White House while the trusses were in place.

The Grand Lecturer having passed on to answer a higher call, M. E. Companion George W. Armstrong was called upon to fill the unexpired term. In the eight months he has been filling the office he has been a hard worker, having held eighty schools of instruction. We excerpt from his report:

"As we are too well aware, the country has been passing through a period of severe depression, and the end is not yet. This condition has affected not only all phases of commercial and industrial life, but also the social and fraternal life of our people. It is not surprising at all that the number of petitions for membership in all fraternal organizations has shown a marked decrease. We could not expect it to be otherwise. On the other hand, this very instability in things material has seemed, in many quarters, to bring about a renewed regard for things not material, and, because of this fact, many of our Chapters seem to be experiencing a sort of reawakening. It may come about that this condition of depression, so grim in its outward aspects, may be the means of calling to our minds the more satisfying values of life which are not subject to the fluctuations of the stock market. Perhaps the time in which we live is a challenge to Masonry. Let us strive to use it as such, that we may prove the vitality of the tenets and the principles we teach."

M. E. Companion Charles C. Davis, General Grand High Priest, was present and presided for a short period. •

In Michigan they have a Past Grand High Priests' Association. Their meeting, annually, takes the form of a dinner which was held this year on the evening previous to Grand Chapter. Splendid idea.

Following the Grand Chapter sessions, the Order of High Priesthood held a session at which seventy-eight were duly admitted and anointed.

M. E. Companion Harry L. Izor is the Fraternal Correspondent. The Proceedings of Michigan have always been worth while possessing, for the Correspondence Report alone. Apparently the Proceedings of Alberta did not reach Companion Izor. We are sorry. We excerpt from the foreword on statistics:

"We have summarized the figures of the Grand Jurisdictions in the States and present it here in round numbers. Forty-two States show a gross loss in membership of approximately 20,500; decrease in exaltations 4,800; increase in suspensions 1,700. Only nine Grand Jurisdictions show a net gain, with a figure of 1,000. The total net loss in the other thirty-three states is approximately 10,500."

The Reviewer also endorses very strongly M. E. Companion Woods, of Indiana, in urging on Chapters the necessity for leadership. Indiana is quoted in full on this subject and we commend to Alberta members the reports of both Indiana and Michigan. The need for leadership in Capitular Masonry was never more urgent than at the present time.

M. M. D.

MISSOURI

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held at Hannibal, Mo., on April 23rd and 24th, 1929.

M. E. Companion Bion L. Waldron, Grand High Priest, presided.

E. Companion Claude Fichthorn, Grand Organist, represented Alberta.

Many prominent and distinguished visitors were present.

Grand Chapter was welcomed to Hannibal by Most Worshipful Grand Master Byrne E. Bigger, in a brief but very witty address.

The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest was the practical business-like report of an able and active officer, who not only made many visitations but checked up on the business methods and financial conditions of the Chapters. Here are a few of the high-lights of his address:

"We have found some Chapters keeping the Chapter funds in the Treasurer's or Secretary's personal bank account. To rectify this, it is recommended that each Chapter be required to keep its funds in the bank in the name of the Chapter."

"I find that some Chapters are engaged in building property or making substantial donations to enterprises already in existence. The necessity and desirability of such investments is fully recognized, but it would seem that the Chapter itself should have something to show for such investment."

"My observation leads me to the conclusion that we think too much of growth in membership and that we give too little attention to the fine teachings of our Craft."

Many excellent addresses were given by the distinguished visitors, all of them worthy of studious reading.

M. E. Companion Corona H. Briggs in his Fraternal Correspondence Report makes the following terse remark on suspensions:

"Where English-speaking Freemasonry is planted, Royal Arch Masonry is doing its work, and if a few thousands lost interest in our work and allowed themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues, the more than thirty thousand Exaltations in a single year clearly show we are still at work."

He gives "Alberta" a full page—quoting from M. E. Companion McNab's address on "Loyalty."

110 Chapters. 33,441 members. Loss, 1,215.

J.E.J.

MISSOURI

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held at Monett on April 22nd, 1930.

M. E. Companion Edward F. Von Gunden, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Claude L. Fichthorn

Many distinguished visitors were in attendance.

The address of the Grand High Priest was brief but pointed.

Speaking of loss of membership he says:

"We have all heard that the depression was due to too much radio, picture shows, automobiles, and similar attractions, yet, if Freemasonry is a progressive science as it is claimed to be, is it not possible for our best minds to get together and work out a solution to the problem, to the end that Royal Arch Masonry may become an inspiration to the educated men of Missouri and to the brethren of the Masonic fraternity who have never passed through the veils of Royal Arch Masonry and learned the great lessons there unfolded to us?"

"United" Queensland was recognized.

Among the many addresses given by distinguished visitors, that of M. E. Companion Hart, of South Carolina, is outstanding and is recommended for the perusal of our Alberta companions.

M. E. Companion Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary, presented a preliminary report on his "History of Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri". From his synopsis we gather that the work will be of great value to the Masons of Missouri and to all Masonic students.

M. E. Companion Corona H. Briggs again presents a splendid report on Fraternal Correspondence. Alberta for 1929 is given a full page of gratifying comment.

110 Chapters. 32,217 members. Loss, 1,224.

J.E.J.

MONTANA

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Montana, was held at Bozeman, on July 8th, 1930. M. E. Companion Haskins presided.

In reviewing this Grand Chapter's Proceedings, one is forcibly struck with the names of those giants of masonry of the Grand Lodge of Montana. Callaway, Days, Hepner, Spottswood, Smith and many others appear to take just as keen an interest in things Capitular as those Symbolic. Each succeeding Grand High Priest must feel an abiding sense of security by having such a capable band of stalwarts to augment his initiatory efforts.

The Grand High Priest reports that a memorable meeting was held at Helena on May 26th, when the Past Grand High Priests conferred the Royal Arch Degree on three associate Justices of the Supreme Court. As a unique coincidence, the Chief Justice was presiding. Such is history in the making.

The recommendation of the Grand High Priest, in sponsoring M. E. Companion Spottswood for office in the General Grand Chapter, was both timely and wise.

The Capitular Report is from the pen of that skilled masonic observer M. E. Companion Hepner. He cracks nuts and lets the kernels fall heedlessly into the minds of his readers. One trenchant remark is worth quoting:

"I cannot believe that the great array of suspended ones are merely riff-raff and rubbish. In fact, I am inclined to the view that there are

many of them who by proper methods might have become enthusiastic members and workers. Any Chapter whose officers are not constantly striving to make the most of their Masonic opportunities and to dispense true light and knowledge to the less informed, is in an unfortunate position."

To all of which we respond "So mote it be."

The "Conclusion" is typical of the man: "No Real craftsman should ever tire of countless repetitions of the beautiful ceremonials and teachings of the Rite; those who so tire, will protest against repetitions of the words of the Lord's Prayer. They are born tired; live tired; and will die tired, without having seen the real manifold beauties of life."

36 Chapters. 4,641 members.

S.H.M.

NEVADA

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nevada was held at Reno on June 10th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Horace J. Brown, Grand High Priest, presided.

Alberta's representative was not present.

We note with pleasure that Nevada's representative near this Grand Chapter sent a letter of greeting.

The address of the Grand High Priest was brief and to the point. He states that Capitular Masonry, in his opinion, is "at the threshold of a revival that will terminate in a great and lasting upbuilding of the York Rite."

On April 20th, 1930, M. E. Companion Frank D. King, Grand Secretary, passed on "Into the ever morning Land." Our sincere sympathy is tendered our companions of Nevada in their loss of a great Mason and a beloved companion.

In the splendid report of Capitular Review, we miss "Alberta." No doubt our "Proceedings" failed to reach the Grand Secretary in time.

9 Chapters. 670 members. Gain, 24.

J.E.J.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire was held at Concord on May 20th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Walter M. Hubbard, Grand High Priest.

The representative for Alberta was absent.

Many distinguished visitors were present, and were received with Private Grand Honors.

During the year the Grand High Priest, in addition to the Chapters allotted to him for visitation, attended the Grand Chapters of Vermont, Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island and Maine.

His address was brief and business like.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers gave him its "O.K." as follows: "We approve all the official acts of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and heartily endorse his able administration."

M. E. Companion Charles Byron Spofford presented his "Report on Foreign Correspondence." We reprint his "Foreword" in full as it is too good to pass up:

"This is the thirteenth of the series which it has been our pleasure as well as honor, to present to our readers. If any comments or observations have been made they are only suggested by what seems to us a practical view of Masonry. No effort has been made to quote any of the Grand High Priests' addresses, or the set speeches of presentations in introductions of Grand and General Grands. In our first or second report we alluded to the Grand Representative system and we are of the same opinion now, as then. It is a seemingly useless bestowal of rank. In some Grand Chapters they are all assembled at the altar, greeted by the Grand High Priest by name and as to whom they represent, with the probability that they have never been in attendance of the Grand Chapter they are supposed to represent.

"In the so-called Foreign Grand Chapters very little has been observed and while we have received the reports of England and Scotland, there has been very little of interest to an American reader, so we have not reviewed them at length. We hope the reviews will be considered as only a synopsis of the many good things which some of them have given us the pleasure of reading, but which space prevents our handing over for you. It is all fraternally submitted."

"Alberta" 1929 (M. E. Companion Selwood) gets a half page, fifty per cent of which is devoted to the "make up" of our Correspondence Committee. We are "up a tree" as to whether or not we should "pat ourselves on the back."

26 Chapters. 5,603 members. Loss, 66.

J.E.J.

NEW JERSEY

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey was held in the City of Trenton on May 14th, 1930, and was presided over by M. E. Companion Matthew Armstrong, Grand High Priest, who was supported on that occasion by fourteen Past Grand High Priests.

R. E. Companion William H. Pike, Alberta's Grand Representative, was among those present.

Distinguished visitors were present from Quebec, Delaware, Maine, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, as well as the representatives of the Grand Lodge, Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the Scottish Rite of New Jersey.

In speaking of loss of membership the Grand High Priest says:

"For the first time perhaps in the history of this Grand Chapter we are reporting a loss in membership. In contemplating the unprecedented number of petitioners we have absorbed in the past decade,

this of itself is not alarming. I am not going to speculate or endeavor to give all of the causes that have contributed to this result other than a few which I consider have a direct bearing upon the financial condition of at least some of the Chapters, namely, the increase in rentals for the maintenance of new Masonic Temples, the seeming neglect of a large percentage to regularly pay their dues, and the indifference or reluctance of the Chapters to take action on such delinquents. These conditions are being remedied to some extent as is evidenced by the number of Chapters amending their by-laws as to increase the amount of their dues. But I also believe that this Grand Chapter should have knowledge of these conditions when they exist.

"I would, therefore, recommend that the subordinate Chapters be required when making their annual returns to submit, through the Grand Secretary on forms supplied by this Grand Chapter, a detailed report of their receipts and disbursements and all assets and liabilities."

The above matters are receiving the attention of many Grand bodies, and Alberta can read about the experience of other Jurisdictions with much profit.

We excerpt from the address of the Grand High Priest on life membership:

"One of the Chapters desiring to establish Life Membership, proposed the plan of promoting same by the payment of \$100.00, which \$100.00 should be repaid to the companion's heirs on his death. In this connection, I decided that the manner in which life membership may be established is clearly set forth in Section 54 and 67 of the Approved Decisions, and that their provision that the principal sum should be returned to the estate or heirs of the life member at his death would be in conflict with our Regulations and might involve the Chapter in serious litigation.

"There is however a strong desire throughout the Chapters in the state for the establishing of such membership as is evidenced by the numerous enquiries, both written and verbal, received by me this year.

"I would, therefore, recommend that the subordinate Chapters be permitted to amend their by-laws in order to create life membership by the payment of a sum of money, the minimum of which shall be \$50.00, to be invested in a Trust Fund and remain the permanent property of the Chapter, the interest thereon to be used in lieu of dues. I believe the number of suspensions of the past two years would have been lessened had such a by-law been in effect."

M. E. Companion Armstrong was most active during his year of office, and in addition to visits in his own jurisdiction, he found time to attend the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Delaware, New York, Rhode Island and Maine.

Grand Chapters of Instruction were held in all districts. These meetings are much like our district meetings in Alberta, with the exception that they are in charge of the Grand Lecturer, while ours are under the direction of the Grand Superintendents with the Grand Lecturer present to give instruction.

M. E. Companion Chauncey B. Hammond, Grand High Priest of New York, in addressing Grand Chapter, said in part:

"Royal Arch Masonry is the exemplification of the fact that no man liveth or dieth unto himself. It is by just such contact as this, one with another, that we go back to our own jurisdictions to attack the

problems before us. In New York we have the same problems you have, and I think that perhaps we are attacking them from two angles. We are attacking the problem of membership on two sides. On one side we are taking in Royal Arch Masons, not mere members. We are releasing those who are only members, and retaining real Royal Arch Masons; and I am certain that you will agree with me that this is best."

Following the installation of new officers, the retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a jewel, and the newly installed with an apron. It was also arranged to present a gavel, properly engraved, to each newly installed Grand High Priest, the same to become his personal property.

A convention of Anointed High Priests was held following the Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Companion A. Boylan Fitz-Gerald is generous in giving almost four pages to a review of Alberta. From the foreword of his report we quote as follows:

"After a period of twelve years it seems to us that it is not very gracious to say we are only getting rid of the driftwood, the trash or the undesirables that the war brought in to our family. Some time ago (in 1917) while in conversation with a very prominent Past Grand Master and a thirty-third degree mason he said to me that the ordinary life of a mason was not over eight years. That long before that he had lost his interest in the Craft, and now was just connected or not as the case may be. If that is so in the parent body, then how much more so is it possible to be in the case of Capitular Masonry. This may have been an extravagant remark, but still it lets us understand that there is something the matter somewhere, and we cannot change the condition by being willing to stand by and hide under such a purile excuse as is usually being made. Far be it from us to try to provide a panacea for all the ills. A revival is most needed, we feel, no matter how it comes."

58 Chapters. 20,152 members. Loss, 359.

M. E. Companion Robert McCormick, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Charles D. McCracken, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

NEW MEXICO

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico was held at Magdalena on February 23rd, 1928.

M. E. Companion Samuel E. Wood, Grand High Priest.

New Mexico does not exchange representatives with other Grand Chapters, nor does it publish a Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Owing to the vast territory to be covered, bad weather, and other detriments the Grand High Priest made three visits only to his Chapters. He, however, was able to visit the Fortieth Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at Denver, Colorado.

16 Chapters. 2,065 members. Loss, 29.

J.E.J.

NEW MEXICO

The Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico was held at Gallup on February 21st, 1929.

M. E. Companion Wilbur L. Elser, Grand High Priest, visited seven of the Constituent Chapters. His address contains much good reading matter and, if thoughtfully digested by his companions, may have a good effect in raising the Capitular Work to a higher standard.

We note that lack of finances is given as the reason for no Foreign Correspondence Report, but on checking over the 1928 and 1929 "Proceedings," we find in each approximately twenty-five blank pages.

16 Chapters. 2,004 members. Loss, 61.

J.E.J.

NEW MEXICO

The Thirty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico was held at Clayton on March 20th, 1930.

New Mexico does not exchange Grand Representatives.

A Special Convocation was called to instal R. E. Companion Edward R. Paul as Grand Treasurer, he being not present when the other Grand Officers were installed. As he had been re-elected, this meeting would not have been necessary in Alberta, as our officers serve until another is elected and installed in his stead.

John W. Neilson, Deputy General Grand High Priest, was introduced and welcomed.

The address of Grand High Priest John W. Turner was short and of interest mostly to his own companions. Early in the summer he had the misfortune to fracture his leg, and later his wife was injured in an auto accident; hence he was unable to visit any of his Chapters. He states that the District Deputies had been active and had furnished good reports.

He granted dispensations for Chapters to confer degrees in Masonic lodge rooms in towns other than those stated in their Charters. He granted permission to confer degrees on a brother who had an artificial right hand.

Because the Triennial Fund, which provides money to enable attendance of officers at General Grand Chapter, had grown to a considerable sum, a resolution was moved (but defeated) to discontinue the assessment of 25c a member for that purpose.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was increased from \$500 to \$600 a year.

M. E. Companion Reuben Perry writes a very excellent Foreign Review. Alberta's "Proceedings" did not reach him in time to be included. One of the Jurisdictions reviewed is that of his own Grand Chapter for the year 1929.

15 Chapters. 2,004 members. Net gain, 4.

E.G.I.

NEW ZEALAND

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was held at Napier on February 26th, 1930.

M. E. Companion G. S. Gordon, First Grand Principal.

Our Representative, R. E. Companion Robert W. Stiles, tendered his greetings by letter.

The First Grand Principal reports that Royal Arch Masonry was progressing very steadily. In reference to the opening of new Chapters, he is of the opinion that "It is just as well not to make new Chapters too frequently, particularly if they are close together."

"England" and "Scotland" still maintain that lodges under their registers may erect Royal Arch Chapters, notwithstanding that the Grand Chapter of New Zealand is supreme in its own territory. New Zealand is, since the Great War, a self-governing Dominion, not a Crown Colony. Just as soon as the Old Country awakens to the fact that the Dominions are now self-governing the British Empire will begin to regain her former prestige, and we will have peace within.

Efforts are again being put forth to make peace with "Scotland" even to the extent of admitting that New Zealand has been wrong in its attitude. The vote stood 53 to 47 in favor of "Peace at any cost."

Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companion C. W. Nielson, had the rank of "Past First Grand Principal honoris causa" conferred upon him for faithful services.

68 Chapters. 4,118 members. Gain, 87.

1 Mark Lodge, 58 members.

J.E.J.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina was held at Concord, on May 13th, 1930, M. E. Companion Roach presiding.

Alberta was represented by the voluminous writer Companion J. Edward Allen.

The Grand High Priest, immediately after being elected, followed the example of several great men who, by their actions, changed the history of the world. He did not fling himself into the vortex of affairs, nor yet remain behind to serve tables, but went off into a quiet place, ostensibly to catch fish; but, judging from his concise and vigorous address, he caught (as others before him) a new vision, and translated ideals into actuality. He consolidated Chapters here, arrested charters there, and dug into constituent affairs elsewhere. Such is the essence of leadership—would that we had more of it!

A questionnaire was sent to the various Chapters seeking information regarding the lack of appeal, the generally prevailing apathy, and criticisms, just or unjust, which had been made from time to time. The response was not very gratifying, and some Chapters apparently ignored the questionnaire.

The committee dealing with this matter, however, brought in a most exhaustive report and presented same without fear or favour, the outcome being that the air is now somewhat clearer, duties more definitely assigned, and finances facing the clear light of audit. Withal it makes very interesting reading. Which brings us to the Capitular Reviews.

As a sheer work of love, ability and learning, backed by a profound sense of Masonic jurisprudence, the Annual Review written by Companion Allen has no equal. North Carolina leads the way and sets a high standard which many Grand jurisdictions endeavour to emulate, but few attain. Verily, a genius is born, not made. Next time Alberta's representative in North Carolina takes a holiday in the Canadian Rockies, we hope he will not forget to enter the Province at the south-west and, incidentally, pay us a visit.

52 Chapters. 7,849 members.

S.H.M.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia (with jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland) was held in Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on June 10th, 1930.

This Grand Convocation was made notable by the celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary. A banquet was held on the evening preceding the meeting of Grand Chapter at which R. E. Companions McKee and Weaver of Pennsylvania gave excellent addresses.

R. E. Companion Fletcher H. Northrup, our Grand Representative, was not present.

R. E. Companion McKee, Grand King, and R. E. Companion C. H. Weaver, Grand Scribe, of Pennsylvania, and Companion John A. Rowland, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, were distinguished visitors.

In his address, Grand High Priest George Leslie Williams gives a detailed account of his journeyings, having had the good fortune and the zeal to visit every Chapter. Two Past Grand High Priests had answered the Last Call, in the persons of Pius J. S. Otto and Edward T. Carbonell.

M. E. Companion Williams gave decisions as follows:

1. A Chapter could not use picture slides in the degree work until Grand Chapter had authorized their use.
2. The High Priest of a Chapter was moved to another town, he being a Government employee. He promised to attend all the convocations of the year, so the Grand High Priest ruled that he could be installed.
3. A brother having lost his right arm overseas was considered eligible to receive the Capitular Degrees.
4. A companion was suspended for Unmasonic Conduct by his Craft Lodge, and was automatically suspended in his Chapter. He was re-instated in the Lodge and *visited*

his Chapter. It was ruled that he must receive a two-thirds vote in the Chapter to be re-instated and pay dues in full for the time he was suspended.

These appear to be in order except number four. When the companion was suspended he was bereft of all Masonic privileges. Why then does he have to pay dues in full? It may be in the nature of a fine. No mention is made as to the action taken against the Chapter who allowed him to visit while under suspension.

In Nova Scotia the seven Grand Superintendents are appointed by the Grand High Priest and, if they serve faithfully for two years, receive Past Rank. All of them made Reports, and, with one exception, reported a good year and that one expected better results in the future. The District Meetings were very successful.

A new Chapter was instituted at Guysboro and was granted a charter under the name of Chedabucto Chapter. The Grand High Priest had approved of their by-laws, but the committee did not sanction this, until such time as they were constituted. For some reason the King and Scribe were not suitable, so other companions were substituted by the Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Williams believes that "the prospects of the future of Capitular Masonry are brightening and the tide is on the flow."

A Committee on Ritual deemed changes necessary, but had not decided what these should be. Why not adopt the new Ritual used by most of the Grand Chapters in Canada?

Grand Secretary Brenton F. Porter writes an excellent Fraternal Review as usual. Alberta receives favorable comment.

21 Chapters. 2,563 members. Net gain, 7.

E.G.I.

OKLAHOMA

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was held at Weatherford on April 22nd and 23rd, 1930.

Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form by M. E. Companion Frank Smith, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was well represented by M. E. Companion Edward P. Gallup.

The several distinguished visitors present were received with "honors."

The address of the Grand High Priest is a good business document, full of helpful information to his companions of Oklahoma.

His rulings and dispensations are according to good Masonic practice. Among the questions asked was one to which he gave a short but direct answer:

Question—"Can the Most Excellent Master degree be conferred in public?" *Answer*—"NO."

Oklahoma, like ourselves, holds District Meetings and finds them successful and beneficial.

The General Grand Chapter Ritual is not entirely satisfactory and a committee of three was appointed to prepare a new book.

Queensland was recognized.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is prepared by M. E. Companion Eugene Hamilton. Alberta, 1929, is favorably reviewed.

72 Chapters. 12,569 members. Loss, 734.

J.E.J.

OREGON

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon was held at Corvallis on April 14th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Herbert L. Toney, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was not represented.

Several distinguished visitors were present.

Sixteen Chapters were visited by the Grand High Priest. Others were visited by the District Deputy Grand High Priests on allotment by the Grand High Priest. We agree with M. E. Companion Toney's opinion that "where two or more Chapters are within a half hour travel of each other it would be better for them to consolidate into a good, strong and active Chapter rather than remain as they are and experience considerable difficulty in holding regular meetings."

In his address the Grand High Priest speaks of the duties or the lack of duties of Grand Representatives and suggests "that these Representatives be requested to give an address in their own Chapter each year on the outstanding subjects of discussion that came up in the Grand Chapter, which they represent, or prepare an address from the Grand Orator's Message and I am sure that the Companions of the Chapter will appreciate their efforts. Enlightenment and an intelligent explanation of our Rites and Symbols and what Masonry really means is urgently sought by our members."

One of the outstanding features of the Grand Convocation was an address by E. Companion David H. Leech, Grand Orator, on "Our Task." We commend this to the earnest perusal of our companions. It covers six closely printed pages, so we may not reproduce it here.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was fraternally recognized.

Alberta "Proceedings" were not received in time for review by E. Companion Walter O. Haines, whose splendid report we have read with great interest. It is among the best received.

50 Chapters. 6,914 members. Loss, 193.

J.E.J.

PENNSYLVANIA

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was held in the City of Philadelphia on December 27th, 1930. M. E. Companion August P. Kunzig, Grand High Priest, was in the chair.

We note the absence of E. Companion Owen W. Metzgar, Alberta's Representative.

The Grand High Priest, referring to the decrease in membership says:

"We regret, however, that we cannot come to you with a report of progress which would include an increase in our ranks. As a matter of fact, due to conditions which are generally unfavorable throughout the country, we will show a decrease in membership.

"This we feel is not a subject for worry, but rather an expression of anticipated result, incident to the times. It should make us more resolute and determined, as conditions permit, to promote those activities which will restore us to our previous status. That which is gone is gone; upon it we may build for tomorrow. If it is properly capitalized and our determination is to the fore, we can hopefully and expectantly face the future."

M. E. Companion Kunzig has been most active. In addition to visitations in his own jurisdiction, he found time to visit the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapters of Quebec, New York, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Michigan, Vermont, Ohio, West Virginia and Massachusetts, as well as the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of his own State.

He speaks of these visits in his address thus:

"Once again it becomes a matter of great personal satisfaction to refer to the many pleasant and profitable visitations made to our sister jurisdictions. My conviction that these gatherings cement more firmly the ties of fraternal feeling and regards than could be done in any other manner was strengthened by the experience of the current year."

The Review of Alberta is from the pen of M. E. Companion John M. Core, the entire Review being the work of five Past Grand High Priests. In the introduction to the Review we are told that there is no Order of Anointed High Priests, nor is there a Past Master's Degree, but the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania can make Royal Arch Masons on sight. These were interesting news items to the writer and will be also to the companions of Alberta. We do not see any necessity for the Past Master's Degree in the Royal Arch system, but we doubt the wisdom of making Royal Arch Masons on sight.

Apparently in Pennsylvania they have Mark Lodges in addition to Chapters.

We were interested in Companion Core's review of Canada. The Constitutions of Canada and Alberta have hitherto been similar regarding the opening of an Emergent Convocation in the Mark Master Mason or Most Excellent Master degree. According to Canada's constitution the Grand First Principal of Canada could not rule otherwise, and it is the opinion of the writer that the section in both Canada and Alberta's Constitutions allowing an Emergent Convocation of a Chapter to be opened in the Mark Master Mason or Most Excellent Master degree should be deleted. We do not wonder that Pennsylvania was curious.

153 Chapters. 60,759 members. Loss, 2,361.

2 Mark Lodges. 174 members. Increase, 3.

M. E. Companion Thomas N. McKee, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D

QUEBEC

The Fifty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, was held in Montreal on March 26th, 1930, M. E. Companion Knowlton presiding.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards.

Five Past Grand First Principals were present.

Delegations from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Ontario, New York and Maine were welcomed with the accustomed honours.

The Grand First Principal reports an increase in both membership and finances, which redounds to the credit of old Quebec.

It is very gratifying to read that the "Committee was unanimous in its decision to adopt the Ritual now in use in Ontario." Thus one more jurisdiction has fallen in line; soon, very soon, the whole of Canada will have one uniform Ritual.

The time-honoured custom of Grand Chapter attending annual Church Service was observed on Sunday, January 19th, 1930, when E. Companion (Rev. Cannon) Shatford preached an illuminating sermon. A most commendable practice—would that more Grand Chapters follow your example.

The visit of St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, to Montreal was an event of more than passing interest. Being a proud member (there are only two of us in Western Canada) of this famous Chapter, it is very pleasing to note that their work is accepted as "Standard" and was the means of converting the staid Montreal to the beauties of the new Ritual.

The Benevolent Fund shows the substantial amount of \$16,187.00, but we fail to find how any of this amount had been disbursed.

It appears that a two-year term for the Grand Officers is an accepted routine, as all three of the Grand Council were re-elected. There is much to be said in its favour.

Grand Scribe E. reported that owing to the illness of M. E. Companion Chambers the Review on Fraternal Correspondence had not been prepared.

23 Chapters. 3,834 members.

QUEENSLAND

The Regular Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was held at Brisbane on Wednesday, April 2nd, 1930.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the First Grand Principal, the Deputy, M. E. Companion Fraser, presided. In the course of his address, he expressed great satisfaction for the amalgamation of the two Grand Bodies. This sentiment was also reiterated by several subsequent speakers.

The Grand Lecturer, R. E. Companion Marroitt, gave a very learned address on "The Second Temple and its Times."

The meeting was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

S.H.M.

RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island met in Freemasons' Hall at Providence on March 12th, 1929.

Our newly appointed Grand Representative, E. Companion Henry G. Heath, was present.

Many distinguished visitors graced the assembly, among them being the following Grand High Priests:—Convers F. Leach, of Maine; Ralph M. Junkins, of New Hampshire; Colin S. Buell, of Connecticut; William R. Condit, of New York; Winthrop J. Cushing, of Massachusetts; and August P. Kunzig, of Pennsylvania.

As a portrait of Grand High Priest Arthur Whitehead occupies the first page of the "Proceedings," one can readily understand, from his pleasing countenance, the Committee's remark: "His lovable disposition secures the co-operation of those who serve with him." His term of office "shows conscientious endeavor."

His address is a very detailed account of his activities and visits. He says he can show only "those matters which have seemed worthy of special mention. The contacts and friendships cannot be a matter of record." Asked to decide if a Chapter could refuse a membership receipt for dues to a companion who did not, or refused to, pay a special assessment, he ruled that the Chapter could not refuse to give the receipt, but recommended that the Constitution be amended to make a refusal legal. The Jurisprudence Committee suggested (and Grand Chapter approved) that "When legally made, an assessment is collectable the same as dues and non-payment thereof may cause the loss of a companion's membership in the same manner as non-payment of dues." (We believe this is treading on dangerous ground. This privilege may be abused. A companion could never estimate what his future dues and assessments might be.)

A Chapter asked for concurrent jurisdiction with three other Chapters over rural territory, but withdrew the request when it appeared probable that it would not be granted.

A new Chapter in Providence was instituted. As the Mother Chapter has a membership of nearly 4,000, it can afford to see some of its companions forming a new branch. It has the distinguished name of "Thomas Smith Webb Chapter."

The principal officers of Grand Chapter perform duties similar to those of our Grand Superintendents in Alberta, and are given a group of Chapters to visit and inspect. Each presents a report of his activities.

The fees for the degrees of the Thomas Smith Webb Chapter seem peculiar to us, as they are \$15.00 for the Mark Master, \$15.00 for the Past Master, \$15.00 for the Most Excellent and \$20.00 for the Royal Arch, with an added assessment of \$10.00 for the new Masonic Temple Trust Fund.

The Grand Lecturer reports: "The ritualistic work as a whole is being presented in a fairly satisfactory manner. However, the work in a few Chapters leaves much to be desired." (Most Grand Chapters could report in the same words.) Rhode Island has the highest percentage of all the States of Master Masons who are Royal Arch Masons

An amendment to the Constitution was proposed "That a proposed affiliate must present a demit or a Certificate of Standing from each Chapter of which he is a member." "Involuntary loss of membership in any Chapter constitutes loss of membership in all Chapters."

No Foreign Correspondence Report is printed.

16 Chapters. 10,265 members. Net loss, 1515.

E.G.I.

RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island was held in the City of Providence on March 11th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Walter H. Nichols, Grand High Priest, presided.

We missed Alberta's Grand Representative, E. Companion Henry G. Heath.

Distinguished visitors were present from New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and the General Grand.

The Grand High Priest in his address says in regard to Dual Membership:

"In view of the fact that the amendments to the Constitution presented at the last Annual Convocation proposing dual membership will be considered today I would suggest possible legislation upon two matters incidental thereto.

"In my opinion some provision should be made to provide a companion holding membership in more than one Chapter who voluntarily relinquishes his membership in one of the Chapters to which he formerly belonged with a certificate which while showing that he has relinquished membership in that Chapter, will also show upon its face the fact of his membership in another or other Chapters.

"It has occurred to me also that upon affiliating with another or other chapters he should be required to register his mark before signing By-laws. It would seem to be important that the records should cover the entire membership of every Chapter.

"I recommend that the Jurisprudence Committee give consideration to these suggestions and suggest appropriate legislation."

Later in the session, the Jurisprudence Committee recommended as follows:

"Section 26. --No Subordinate Chapter shall grant a demit except at a Stated Convocation thereof and any member in good standing, having paid all dues and assessments and no charges appearing against him, shall, upon written application over his own signature, be entitled to a demit; *provided, however*, that if he is a member of more than one Chapter, then a certificate that his membership ceases in said Chapter shall only be issued. Said certificate shall not have the effect of a demit and shall state that fact. A demit shall be issued only when the member terminates his membership in the only Chapter to which he belongs."

Alberta might well adopt that law.

Section 27, Article 6, was amended to read as follows:

"No subordinate Chapter shall permit a companion elected to membership to qualify as such until he shall have presented a demit from the Chapter to which he formerly belonged, or a certificate showing his good standing in each Chapter of which he is a member. Involuntarily loss of membership in any Chapter shall constitute loss of membership in all Chapters."

Section 31 was amended to read:

"Subordinate Chapters having jurisdiction concurrent with other Chapters shall notify such other Chapters, before the next regular Convocation thereof, of the names of all petitioners for the degrees, with their occupations and places of residence and the time when action is to be taken upon said petition, and the Chapters receiving said notice shall cause the same to be read in open Chapter, at the Stated Convocation following the receipt thereof."

The above Sections of the Constitution will be of interest to Alberta.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report but Rhode Island does not review Proceedings.

16 Chapters. 10,130 members. Loss, 135.

One Chapter has a membership of 3,784.

M. E. Companion George C. Clark, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Wilbur A. Scott, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

SCOTLAND

The Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, was held in the Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Saturday, March 21st, 1931.

There was a full complement of officers and the Right Honourable the Earl of Cassillis was re-elected as Grand First Principi.

Apologies for non-attendance from many noted companions were read. Routine business was quickly despatched then followed the Installation of Officers, which appears to be the main event of the Annual Convocation. The numerous toasts proposed were eloquent to a degree, yet, true to Scottish precedent, they were very brief.

The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter are followed with keen interest by the writer as he is the honoured representative of this Grand Body. Methinks that our installations are much too perfunctory and crowded to the last minutes of Grand Chapter. With Scotland it is otherwise, as full time is allowed for such an important function. Here are a few items gleaned from the written page:

"Masonic jewels were worn but no regalia." "The toast was drunk with great cordiality." "The toast was enthusiastically honoured." "At this stage Companion G. Campbell sang with his accustomed vigor 'Hail Caledonia,' to which there were repeated calls for an encore."

This reminds one of home once again, and recalls cherished memories of the Old Land.

They parted under the happy caption—"Happy to meet, sorry to part, hoping to meet again."

S. H. M.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was held at Charleston, on April 1st, 1930.

M. E. Companion R. T. Goodale, Grand High Priest.

Alberta represented by M. E. Companion William A. Giles, Past Grand High Priest

The many distinguished visitors present were "accorded the honor due their stations."

In his visits to the Chapters, the Grand High Priest found some of them "not as active as they should be," and suggests that "the trouble seems to be lack of interest on the part of officers and companions in not holding regular convocations." We trust his observations will awaken more real interest in those who take office obligations.

In his "Introduction" to the Review of "Proceedings," E. Companion Geo. T. Harmon gives the following in connection with "Loss of Membership."

"The continuous loss from suspensions is deplored everywhere and various explanations have been offered. Serious effort has been made here and there to locate the cause and find a remedy. All such efforts seem to be abortive thus far. It seems to be the consensus of opinion, however, that the responsibility rests at the door or inactive and apathetic High Priests who accept the honors of Masonry without willingness to pay the price of inspirational and constructive leadership. We cannot but be impressed with the worthiness of this almost universally expressed opinion. Evidence of it is to be found in the reports of many Grand Secretaries who do not hesitate to say that where the High Priest is enthusiastic in his leadership the Chapter reports a gain rather than a loss. If this be true, then it becomes us to bring pressure to bear upon that officer in such a way as to inspire in him a consciousness of his responsibility to Capitular Masonry at large for supplying the leadership so needful in this crucial hour. An apathetic, unenthusiastic leadership furnishes cause for serious alarm."

"Alberta" was not received in time for review.

38 Chapters. 4,998 members. Loss, 416.

J.E.J:

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota was held at Rapid City on June 12th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Marion E. Crockett, Grand High Priest.

Alberta represented by M. E. Companion Norris J. Hendrickson.

An imposing galaxy of distinguished visitors was in attendance.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a record of the activities of a hard-working and capable officer. He was diligent in his visitations to the constituent Chapters--having visited all of them, and adopted

the plan of writing the Chapter a day or so after a visit, thanking the officers for their courtesies towards him. We think this a splendid idea, worthy of the attention of our Grand Chapter Officers.

He pays a well-deserved tribute to R. E. Companion (Dr.) Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary:

"I am not unmindful of that beacon light, under whose tutorship I have been guided through this Capitular Year, in the personage of that Grand Man, and Mason, our Grand Secretary, Dr. Geo. A. Pettigrew.

"No greater pleasure or satisfaction could have fallen to my lot than to be ever under the shadow of his knowledge of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, gleaned from his many years of service as a leader of the Craft. His devotion to the Masonic Fraternity has endeared him to us all. We revere him and love him with that innocent devotion, wherein there is no guile."

We regret that South Dakota does not publish a Correspondence Report.

40 Chapters. 5,624 members. Loss, 179.

J.E.J.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee was held at Nashville, January 26th and 27th, 1931.

Our Grand Representative, M. E. Companion Frank E. Bartley, Past Grand High Priest, was present. There was a good attendance, and 81 of the 90 Chapters were represented.

The Grand Visitors included M. E. Companions Robert A. Woods, Grand Secretary of Indiana, and I. J. Scharff, Grand High Priest, of Mississippi.

The address of M. E. Companion E. B. Duke, Grand High Priest, was good. He says, "We are here as members of the Board of Directors of Royal Arch Masonry, and although a loss in membership is shown for the year, I hope the results of our labors may show enormous dividends in the cause of humanity."

This Grand Chapter lost many noted companions by the Hand of Death in the year—among them Walter B. Bell, Grand Scribe; Stith M. Cain, a beloved Secretary for fifteen years and a learned and widely known Mason; and Past Grand High Priest James H. McClister, who for many years was Grand Lecturer.

M. E. Companion Duke gave a decision that a "Treasurer could not be exempted from paying dues and a Chapter could not make Life Members and exempt from dues companions who had been continuously in good standing for 35 years." However, the Jurisprudence Committee found a clause in the Constitution that stated they could, so his ruling was not concurred in.

A dispensation was granted to elect a new High Priest when the Chapter found that the High Priest-elect was a non-affiliated Mason. This Jurisdiction will not allow an installation of officers until all the Rituals have been turned into the Chapter.

The Grand High Priest appointed and *installed* successors to the Grand Scribe and Grand Secretary. The Jurisprudence Committee approved of the appointments but not of the installations. Most Grand Chapters would consider the committee were correct.

M. E. Companion Duke visited a goodly number of Chapters and Chapter Unions. He greatly praised the Reunions for the quality of the work done and the spirit of good fellowship shown. He, with three other Grand Officers, attended the General Grand Chapter at Tacoma, at a cost to Grand Chapter of \$2,000.00. We wonder if the expense was justified. He recommended that a Grand Visitor be appointed but this was not approved.

The new Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion Thomas E. Doss (who, by his photo, would appear to be highly efficient) writes a good report. We like the style he uses in compiling his "Proceedings"—i.e., foot notes state the action taken on all recommendations. He says that only forty-five of the ninety Chapters did any work. Many Chapters have done no work for years. He offered two amendments to the Constitution which were approved: (1) That if a petition for degrees was not acted on within four months, or, when accepted, the degrees were not conferred within four months, the petitioner could withdraw and make application to any other Chapter. (2) A Service Committee be appointed by each Chapter to assist the secretary in collecting dues and interviewing delinquent members as to their attitude and their financial needs. This all sounds like good business.

Tennessee has a Students' Loan Fund which is said to be doing a worthy work. They also have a Widows' and Orphans' Home.

As Grand Chapter finances showed a deficit, the Finance Committee cut down on some of the proposed appropriations.

A Committee on Education which had been appointed to assist the State Department of Education (whose system is said to be in a deplorable condition) reported that much good was being done especially among crippled children and illiterate adults. A vote of \$500.00 was made to this.

M. E. Companion A. C. Morgan gives us his Second Capitular Review, and it is a fine one. Alberta is reviewed for 1929 and 1930. He comments on our allowing an officer to resign. One cannot do so in Tennessee. He takes the Canadian Grand Chapters to task for "the formal admitting of Royal Arch Masons into Grand Convocations as visitors." He thinks this custom should be relegated to the archives, as these companions are the foundation stones of Royal Arch Masonry and it should be their right to attend. We agree that he is correct, but the point is, the companions are informed that they are *visitors* only.

He strongly disapproves of Montana's action in allowing Chapters "to meet, at least, once every three months, with the privilege of suspending the Regular Meetings in June, July and August."

90 Chapters. 10,020 members. Net loss, 508.

E.G.I.

TEXAS

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was held in the City of Waco on December 1st, 1930.

M. E. Companion George G. White, Grand High Priest, presided. and was supported by fourteen Past Grand High Priests.

Among those present was Alberta's representative, E. Companion J. D. Starks.

In the appointment of Grand Representative near Alberta, the Grand High Priest speaks of the death of R. E. Companion George Potter and the appointment of V. E. Companion John G. Odell. M. E. Companion Sam J. Helm takes Alberta to task for saying our Texas Representative was absent. We will give due credit to that Grand Jurisdiction in future.

The Grand High Priest refused a Dispensation for a new Chapter until such time as the proposed High Priest and his officers were proficient.

Several Chapters were suspended for failure to send in reports. We excerpt from the Grand High Priest's Address:

"The Grand Secretary, evidently supposing that it was not worth while to supply the Grand High Priest with stationery if he did not have any letters to write, furnished me with a list of 41 chapters which failed to send in returns.

"I immediately addressed letters to Secretaries and High Priests of the delinquent Chapters, complaining of this neglect of duty and violation of the law.

"However, I am sorry to say that my labors were in vain, and not having the time, patience and perseverance required to write letters when no reply could be obtained from the offending Chapter, I decided to suspend the labors of the following Chapters until the law had been complied with."

In all eighteen Chapters were suspended and the charters of two recommended for revocation, but the Jurisprudence Committee recommended that only one charter be revoked.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was recognized and representatives exchanged.

Texas provides that the minimum fee for exaltation shall be \$50.00, and it shall also be accompanied by a Council Fee of \$5.00. We presume that the Royal and Select Masters are under the control of the Grand Chapter and not a separate Grand Body.

It is also provided that a petition for a dispensation or charter for a new Chapter shall be accompanied by a proper petition for a dispensation or charter for a new Council of Royal and Select Masters, to be located at the same place as the new Chapter.

We note with much pleasure on the fly-leaf of the Proceedings that—

"This book completely composed, printed and bound by students of the Department of Printing, Masonic Home and School of Texas, Fort Worth."

A resolution was passed that the number present required for constitutional quorum in a Chapter be reduced to five members. It was found that some Chapters were suffering on this account. We think this number is rather small, but still we have in mind Alberta Chapters who have their own difficulties in this line.

Article 197 was amended --it now reads:

"A companion may make application in writing to his Chapter for a demit, and if all his dues are paid and no charges against him are pending, the Chapter may grant the demit at once by ballot; and, if unanimous, the result of the ballot shall be entered on record and the certificate of demit issued; but if not unanimous, the application shall stand over till the next stated Convocation, and if no charges be then preferred an order for demit shall be entered on the record and a certificate issued."

M. E. Companion Sam J. Helm is very liberal in his review of Alberta. He reviewed M. E. Companion Selwood's year very fully and we would commend his remarks to any of our companions who can find opportunity to read Texas.

304 Chapters. 41,210 members. Loss, 1,665.

M. E. Companion E. C. Couch, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Thos. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

VICTORIA

We have before us "Proceedings" of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria for the years 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930. Unlike many of our North American Grand Chapters, Victoria holds Quarterly Convocations. The Grand Officers are designated "Eminent" instead of "Excellent."

M. Em. Companion Thomas MacKenzie Kirkwood, evidently a very popular and experienced Mason, held the office of First Grand Principal for three years until the election of his successor, M. Em. Companion Henry Malcolm Lee, on April 18th, 1928.

The retiring First Grand Principal has the privilege of nominating his successor.

On the 15th of March, 1928, Grand Chapter sustained a great loss in the death of Grand Scribe E., R. Em. Companion John E. Kennedy. Companion Kennedy has been "Alberta's Representative" near "Victoria" for many years, and it was the writer's great privilege to meet him many years ago, when he visited Canada.

We desire to express our deepest sympathy to our Victoria companions in their great loss.

"Life's labor done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed;
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
Linger, like sunlight hues when
That bright orb is set."

On the 16th of April, M. Em. Companion Henry M. Lee retired and M. Em. Companion His Excellency Lord Somers, Governor of the State and Grand Master of Victoria, was elected and installed as First Grand Principal, with Alberta's Representative, R. Em. Companion Charles Thomas Martin, as Pro. First Grand Principal.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland was recognized.

We have read with pleasure the several addresses given by prominent craftsmen during the convocations and sincerely recommend them to our Alberta companions for perusal and attention.

"Odd Numbers," by M. Em. Companion A. H. Hansford, M.A., LL.B.

"The Parable of the Master Mason," by Rev. H. O. Wallace, M.A.

"Antient Artificers," by M. Em. Companion A. H. Hansford, M.A., LL.B.

"The Order of the Holy Royal Arch—Whence did it Spring?" by V. Em. Companion Arthur Thewlis, P.P.C.G.P.

"Zerubbabel and his Times," by R. Em. Companion John Byatt, Th.L., P.G.J.

68 Chapters. 4,834 members. Gain, 262.

J.E.J.

WASHINGTON

The Forty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Washington was held at Seattle, May 12th and 13th, 1930.

M. E. Companion Robert Edgar Sullivan, Grand High Priest.

E. Companion Alex Frazier, Representative of Alberta, was present.

M. E. Companion Geo. T. Cochrane, Grand High Priest of Oregon, and M. E. Companion William T. Phillips and R. E. Companion E. P. Allen, from the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, were received with grand honors and escorted to seats in the East.

In an interesting address the Grand High Priest reported his year's activities. He stated that "Peace and harmony reign throughout our Grand Jurisdiction and I am happy to say our fifty-three Chapters are entering upon a new era of progress."

District or Regional meetings were held with considerable success.

During his term the Grand High Priest visited the Grand Chapters of British Columbia, Oregon and California and entertained the Grand Chapter Officers of Oregon. He expressed his appreciation of the assistance of Grand Secretary R. E. Companion Wesley C. Stone and concluded his address in the following words:

"I have but one sincere wish to pass on to my successor—that he may enjoy in office the same unbounded, abiding fraternal loyalty and know the same true, enduring founts of friendship that I have enjoyed and known."

R. E. Companion Stone is also the Reviewer of Correspondence.

He gives more than a page of kindly review to Alberta. His comment on "Loss of Members" is philosophical:

"After giving the subject careful thought and reading the opinions of those who have given the subject earnest consideration we believe that there is no occasion for discouragement. On the whole we have the feeling that the 'worth while' members are holding their membership and while hard times may keep some who would be glad to take the degrees from doing so at present, we have no reason for discouragement."

53 Chapters. 9,222 members. Loss, 139.

J.E.J.

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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1931 and 4,000 equal to 5,931.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1931 and 530 equal to 2,461.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1931 and 1,000 equal to 2,931.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1931 less 1,118 equal to 813.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1931 and 1913 equal to 3,844.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1931 and 3,760 equal to 5,691. After September add another year.

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Elected Officers for 1931

- M. E. Comp. James A. McGhee**....Grand First Principal **Z.**
Didsbury, Alberta.
- R. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett**.....Grand Second Principal **H.**
Calgary, Alberta.
- R. E. Comp. Archibald West**.....Grand Third Principal **J.**
Edmonton, Alberta.
- R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel**.. Grand Scribe **E. (Secretary)**
809 9½ St. N.W., Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. Frederick J. Hand**.....Grand Scribe **N.**
Calgary, Alberta.
- R. E. Comp. William C. Black**.....Grand Treasurer
Calgary, Alberta.
- R. E. Comp. William Baxter**.....Grand Principal Sojourner
Edmonton, Alberta.
- R. E. Comp. W. Hudson Scott**.....Grand Registrar
Vermilion, Alberta.
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The Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on Wednesday, the 16th day of March, 1932.
